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Lawson likely to stand firm on BP issue

Chancellor 'surprised' by underwriters' plea

● The Chancellor of the Exchequer made it clear that he expects the BP flotation to go ahead despite requests from underwriters for a postponement.

● Mr Lawson said that the Government is maintaining pressure on the United States to take action to restore confidence in the international markets.

● Share prices rose in London, Wall Street and on European and Asian stockmarkets after concerted buying in Tokyo set a better tone.

● The dollar dropped to its lowest level against the mark for seven years and the pound rose above $1.70 in New York.

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a clear signal yesterday that the Government intends to press ahead with the £7.2 billion British Petroleum issue.

He told the Commons that he hoped to make a decision by tomorrow on the plea by the financial institutions underwriting the deal to withdraw it.

But he said that he had been surprised by the approach by the underwriters on Monday to the Treasury to terminate the offer for sale.

His carefully chosen response, in a statement demanded by the Opposition, was taken by Conservative and Labour MPs as the broadest of hints that he intends to hold the underwriters to their obligations.

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If so, he will have the strong backing of Conservative MPs, one of whom, Mr Terence Higgins, chairman of the Treasury and Civil Service select committee in the last Parliament, won cheers when he told the Chancellor that it would be dangerous to leave underwriters in a position where they could say "heads we win, tails you lose".

The Chancellor was clearly stonewalling and, by not committing himself either way, has still left himself leeway to withdraw the issue. But that appeared last night to be unlikely.

His statement came after a call by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, for the sale to go ahead amid signs of a backlash growing in the City against the underwriters.

Mr Lawson made clear that he was contractually obliged to go through the consultations with the underwriters if, as they had now represented, they believed they were no longer assuming a proper underwriting risk.

Under the underwriting agreement, the Treasury considers the representations and consults BP. Rothschild's on behalf of the underwriters also seek BP's views.

Rothschild's and the Treasury then consult together. If they are unable to agree, they approach the Bank of England for its assessment. Mr Lawson takes full account of that assessment before he takes a decision, but the final decision is his.

Treasury sources said last night that the consultation process was at an early stage. Mr Lawson hoped it would be complete by tomorrow, although in theory it could go on until Friday afternoon when trading is due to begin.

In the Commons, the shadow Chancellor, Mr John Smith, told Mr Lawson: "You have made it crystal clear in what you have said that you intend to hold the underwriters to their obligations".

But Mr Smith, who with Mr Neil Kinnock failed later to get an emergency debate on the crisis, and his colleagues remain suspicious about the delay over announcing a decision. They believe that Mr Lawson may be working on a deal with the underwriters that will somehow soften the blow.

But Conservative MPs believe that the underwriters, having made big profits on earlier privatizations, should be ready to withstand a loss on this one.

Senior ministers believe the Government would be badly damaged if it appeared to bow to pressure from the City to call off the sale, and that the privatization programme itself would be damaged.

Mr Lawson promised that the growth in share ownership and privatization would continue despite the financial setbacks.

But he appeared to offer little hope for small investors who have already applied and stand to lose about 70p a share. He said: "Like the Treasury, applicants for shares are bound by the terms of the offer".

Mr Lawson was attacked by Mr Smith, who said he should be ashamed at having to be dragged reluctantly to the Commons when he should have volunteered a statement days ago.

Mr Lawson disclosed that the Government was continuing to maintain the pressure on the United States to increase taxation and reduce domestic spending. He spoke to Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, yesterday.

He also said that action was needed in West Germany, where monetary policy was too tight.

The Chancellor seemed far from unhappy with interventions from the senior Tory backbencher, Sir Peter Hordern, and Mr Robert Sheldon, Labour chairman of the Commons public accounts committee.

Sir Peter said if the issue was withdrawn it would be widely felt that the underwriters could not meet their commitments. If that was the case the damage caused would be much greater than if the issue proceeded.

Mr Sheldon condemned the impertinence of the underwriters. What was the purpose of having underwriters if their risks were to be be removed and copper-bottomed guarantees given instead?

Earlier the Prime Minister came under pressure over the question. But she repeatedly stonewalled by referring to the consultation procedure between Mr Lawson and the underwriters.

New care scheme for hospitals

Patients will receive more care from hospital consultants and better round-the-clock care from doctors under a plan announced by the Government yesterday.

Hospital consultants will be increased from the present 16,600 to 22,300 by the year 2000.

The British Medical Association hailed the plan as a watershed.

It said that while the overall number of hospital doctors would not increase, patient care would improve because consultants would have a bigger commitment on the wards.

The plan, issued by the DHSS, the Joint Consultants' Committee and chairmen of regional health authorities, follows concern over the number of highly trained doctors who never win consultant status.

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Mr Anthony Parnes, the London stockbroker, has had assets of £3.69 million unfrozen in the High Court after reaching a settlement with Guinness over payments arising from the takeover of Distillers Page 25

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Bobby Robson has named his squad and warned them to be on their best behaviour for the vital European Championship game in Belgrade on November 11 Page 48

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Markets show signs of recovery

By Kenneth Fleet

A measure of composure returned to world stock markets yesterday, though the atmosphere remained tense. Some concerted buying by big investors in Tokyo raised Japanese share prices and set the tone for a better performance in Hong Kong, on European markets, London and Wall Street.

After a day of fluctuations within narrow limits, the FT-SE 100 share index finished 19.2 higher, at 1735.3. The FT 30 share index closed 14.9 up at 1,332. Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average put on 41.6 points at 1835.54, helped to sustain London's modest recovery when it showed signs of flagging after a bright start.

Even small gains at this stage are apt to breed grains of hope that the worst of the crash is now past. But there is no evidence yet that major investors either in the United States or in Britain are ready to re-enter the market in force and bid up prices.

The main talking point in the City remained the £7.2 billion BP share issue, which dealers, taking their cue from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement in the Commons yesterday, now believe will go ahead.

BP shares fell another 6p to 259p, with 4 million shares changing hands. This compares with a price of 330p for the new shares, and 350p immediately before markets began their precipitous fall less than two weeks ago.

The underwriters, who are obliged to take up unsold stock, and some 100,000 private shareholders and BP employees who have applied for shares face the prospect of large, instant losses.

Depending on the market's course over the coming weeks and months, there is a serious risk that large numbers of BP shares will be dumped. This would depress the price further and raise doubts over investors' willingness to pay the second instalment of 105p due next August. Applications for BP shares close today.

In the gilt-edged market prices fell quite sharply, on the theory that if the BP issue were postponed it would mean that the Government would have to raise the revenue foregone by selling more government stock. The falls were reduced after Mr Lawson's statement.

The most significant movement was in the foreign exchange market, where the US dollar dropped to its lowest level against the West German mark since 1980. Dealers decided that the absence of central bank support for the American currency showed that the monetary authorities had collectively agreed that the dollar should fall further. It dropped a pfennig to DM1.7625, and from Y142.15 to Y141.45 in London. Later in New York it fell to DM1.7575 and Y141.15. The pound was up to $1.6955

All eyes are on President Reagan's talks with Congressional leaders. The Administration is being pressured to reduce the $170 billion Federal Budget deficit by more than the scheduled $23 billion.

At home there was an encouraging Quarterly Trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, and some cautionary but also optimistic words from the National Economic Development Office.

New York — Another investor has committed suicide after losing so much that he could not repay his stockbrokers (Charles Bremner writes). Mr Vernon Lamberg, thought to have lost $500,000 (£300,000) gassed himself in a motel.
● MIAMI: Arthur Kane, who shot dead his stockbroker and then killed himself, was believed to have lost nearly £5 million (Alan Tomlinson writes).

The IRA's graduate bomb maker

Gilbert McNamee, the Provisional IRA's most sophisticated bomb-maker, pictured in his graduation robes.

Explosions mastermind gets 25 years

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The Provisional IRA's most sophisticated bomb-maker, linked by police to 10 London bombs including the Hyde Park, Regent's Park and Harrods attacks, was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Gilbert McNamee, a science graduate aged 27, was arrested in his home at Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, last August. Police intelligence operations had revealed he was about to play a key part in a Provisional IRA attack on a special target in Northern Ireland.

A fingerprint matched to a mark on a bomb cache in Britain provided the evidence for arrest.

McNamee,an expert in timed devices and booby trap bombs as well as radio-controlled bombs devices, is linked to up to 80 bombs on the British mainland and in Northern Ireland.

His devices were responsible for the deaths of at least 30 soldiers, police and civilians but some estimates put the toll at anything up to 80 deaths.

Yesterday McNamee stood expressionless as he was convicted of conspiring to cause explosions in Britain between 1982 and 1984 with three members of an active service unit jailed two years ago.

Sentencing him at the end of a trial surrounded by extensive security measures, Mr Justice McCowan said: "I can have no doubt that when you took part in that conspiracy you knew very well that the pretty well inevitable result of what you did would be that life would be endangered.

"This is a very serious offence. You must be seriously punished."

He made the device used to kill four soldiers in Hyde Park in July 1982, the court was told.

McNamee's conviction is regarded by Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch as one of the most important they have achieved.

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Police believe that McNamee made the devices across the border from his home in Crossmaglen. They point out that since his arrest last August the rate of bombing has fallen.

His fingerprint was found on a battery left on a bomb defused in Kensington in December 1983 and on tape round two devices uncovered in comprehensive arms and explosives caches in Berkshire and Northamptonshire.

During the two week trial McNamee, a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, gave evidence in his own defence and told the court he abhored violence. Describing himself as an Irish nationalist and not a republican he said he had carried his own father to an ambulance after a bar was bombed in 1975.

Protest threatens Belgian ports

By Ruth Gledhill in London and Susan MacDonald in Boulogne

Thousands of ferry passengers face disruption today as the French fishermen's blockade threatened last night to spread to most French and Belgian ports.

The action is almost certain to become widespread along the French and Belgian coastline if the fishermen's talks with the French government fail to resolve the dispute.

The blockade spread from Boulogne and Calais to Dunkirk and Dieppe yesterday afternoon, forcing ferry companies to cancel dozens of services and divert passengers to the Belgian ports of Zeebrugge and Ostend.

Further chaos is predicted today if Belgian fishermen carry out their threat to join the French blockade, and the French blockade extends to Le Havre and Cherbourg as some ferry officials were suggesting.

This would effectively strand thousands of British ferry passengers on the Continent until the end of the blockade.

Last night, about 80 fishing boats lined up across the entrance to the port of Boulogne, allowing only emergency vessels through and the occasional freight vessel late.

Calais was blocked by 20 fishing boats and dozens more were believed to be heading for Dunkirk and Dieppe. Most of the boats in the blockade come from Boulogne, said Mr Gerard Barron, information officer at the port of Calais.

Ferry companies in Britain were unable to calculate the cost of the protest yesterday, but most sailings to Calais and Boulogne were cancelled and sailings to other ports were affected towards the end of the day.

As the blockade moved in on Dieppe, a Sealink ferry to Newhaven was stranded in the French port. More than 200 passengers, 18 cars and three coaches waited at the terminal to hear if the blockade would lift after the results of talks were known.

P&O European Ferries, formerly Townsend Thoreson, cancelled all of its 10 sailings each way between Dover and Calais and eight each way between Dover and Boulogne.

Sealink cancelled six sailings each way between Folkestone and Boulogne and 16 each way between Dover and Calais. The company would normally have expected up to 6,000 passengers a day on each route.

It ran four sailings to Dieppe but cancelled the last five.

The Sally Line successfully ran its first service from Ramsgate to Dunkirk but cancelled the two following services.

The French fishermen are protesting against what they see as an infringement of their fishing rights by Britain.

On October 1 Britain extended her territorial waters under the Territorial Sea Act 1987 and effectively barred French fishermen from areas

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Back-bench anger over child benefit

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Conservative and Labour backbenchers yesterday criticized a Government announcement that child benefit paid to seven million families is to be frozen to target assistance to those most in need.

The protests from the Conservative back benches were led by Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet Minister, who described the decision as "highly insensitive" and "discrimination, pure and simple, against families with young children".

His anger at the announcement by Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, was followed by several other critical interventions from Conservative MPs.

The Government may face grave problems if women in Conservative constituencies and backbenchers from both the left and right of the party manage to mount a strong campaign of opposition to the proposal.

The decision to freeze child benefit at £7.25 a child was made with proposals to increase the retirement pensions of married couples and single people in line with inflation from next April.

A married couple's pension will rise from £63.25 a week to £65.90, and a single person's from £39.50 to £41.15.

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Supplementary benefit is to be replaced by a simpler income support and the family income supplement will be replaced by a family credit benefit, which will be means tested.

Mr Robin Cook, the shadow Cabinet spokesman on health and social security, described the proposals as a

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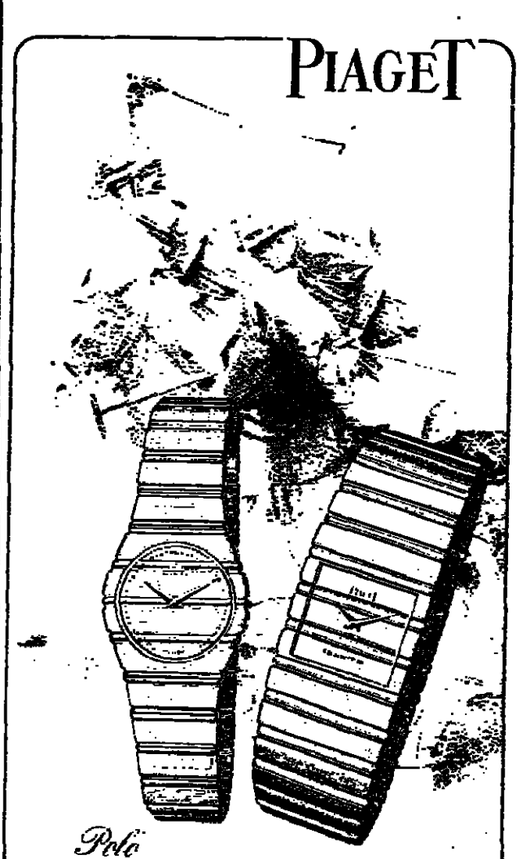

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Police remove Ibrox video from Scottish TV

By Roddy Forsyth

Police in Glasgow yesterday visited the headquarters of Scottish Television and removed a video recording of the Rangers-Celtic match at Ibrox on October 17 during which three players, the Rangers goalkeeper Chris Woods, the captain Terry Butcher and the Celtic forward Frank McAvennie, were sent off.

Last week Glasgow's procurator fiscal, the official responsible for inaugurating prosecution under Scottish law, asked police to carry out an inquiry into incidents on and off the field during the game at which 62 people were arrested, mostly for minor offences.

A police spokesman last night confirmed that the removal of the film was intended to assist the investigation.

Scottish Television was first asked on Monday for a copy of the original recording of the match, and not the highlights broadcast afterwards. The company declined the request and suggested that a formal procedure would be preferable.

An STV spokesman said last night: "Our difficulty lay partly in the fact that although the actual tape belonged to us, the contents were the copyright of the Scottish Football League whose interest in the matter is also strong.

"We were again visited by police today, this time bearing a warrant, and we complied with their request to surrender the tape but there was no question of a raid. It was a polite transaction."

The tape shows several controversial incidents during the game and, aside from the three dismissals, it shows the Celtic midfield player Peter Grant making the sign of the cross after an own goal by Butcher and Rangers' stand-in goalkeeper, Graham Roberts, apparently waving his hands in time to a well-known sectarian lyric being sung by the Rangers' supporters behind his goal.

The sending-off of Butcher and Woods brought to 10 the number of Rangers players dismissed by referees since Graeme Souness arrived last year to revive the fortunes of the club. Butcher was yesterday included in the England squad for the European Championship match against Yugoslavia on November 11. The selection was criticized because of his sending-off and the earlier warnings by Mr Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association, to England players to curb their behaviour.

Mr David Holmes, the Rangers chairman and chief executive, writes in the club newspaper, the *Rangers News*, published today: "The club's reputation is of paramount importance and I can assure you that appropriate measures have been and will continue to be adopted to ensure that these standards are adhered to by everyone at Ibrox."

Mr Holmes adds that all employees "must be prepared in all their activities to adopt and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best standards and traditions of the club."

NEWS SUMMARY

Accused found guilty of rape

A former handyman accused with two other men of murdering four members of a Hampshire family and their nurse was convicted of robbing them, and of rape, by a jury at Winchester Crown Court last night.

After a three-week trial George Stephenson, aged 36, of Elgar Road, Coventry, was found guilty of robbery on September 1 last year at Burgate House, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, the home of Mr Joseph Cleaver and his wife, Hilda, both aged 82. He was also found guilty of the rape of Mrs Wendy Cleaver, aged 46, the Cleavers' daughter-in-law.

George Daly, aged 25, of Deedmore Road, Coventry was also found guilty of the same offences, which both men had denied. Daly's brother John Daly, aged 21, has pleaded guilty to rape.

The jury was unable to agree on murder charges against all three men and will continue deliberations today.

Ruling reserved

The House of Lords reserved its decision yesterday on whether the families of the 44 crew lost when the bulk carrier Derbyshire sank off Japan in 1980 can claim for compensation against the owners.

The families seek to reverse a Court of Appeal ruling blocking their claim under the 1969 Employers' Liability (Defective Equipment) Act by convincing the Law Lords that a ship can legally be classed as "equipment".

TV fees to rise

Television licences will cost £62.50 for colour and £21 for black and white sets from April 1 next year, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

The increased charges — £4.50 and £3 respectively — are in line with the increase in the Retail Price Index.

In a Commons written answer, Mr Hurd said the principle of indexation and the choice of baseline (£60 colour and £20 mono) were both designed to encourage increased efficiency and economy by the BBC,

Tribute to rescuers

Townsend Thoresen, which became *P & O European* Ferries six days ago, paid tribute yesterday to almost 400 Belgians and Britons who took part in the Herald of Free Enterprise rescue operation.

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of P & O, was host at at a reception and luncheon aboard the Pride of Dover, *moored close to the berth at Zeebrugge used by the Herald* before her tragic voyage last March.

He presented a silver plate to Mr Olivier Vanneste, the governor of West Flanders. Among guests who received medallions showing the Channel coastlines were members of the Belgian and British armed forces, the police and emergency services, and the Zeebrugge port authority.

Argyle to retire

Judge Argyle, QC, the outspoken Central Criminal Court judge, is to retire next year.

Judge Argyle, aged 72, a former army major, had *kept the date secret until* yesterday. He disclosed the date when he decided to hear the case of an alleged woman pickpocket on July 8. "That is my last day as a judge, assuming I live that long", he said.

Judge Argyle has rarely been out of the headlines since taking over his Central Criminal Court duties in 1970.

New prison lifestyle

A new prison wing to house prisoners, including sex offenders, who may be attacked by other inmates is nearing completion at Channings Wood Prison, near Newton Abbot, Devon.

Each of the 56 prisoners in the unit will have their own cell and will be able to work in a greenhouse or workshop.

Mr John Home, head of custody at the 482-prisoner jail, said: "The prisoners in the new unit will have more freedom. Their lifestyle will be transformed."

Royal apples on sale

The Queen's Sandringham Fruit Farm began selling "windfall" apples to the public at the knock-down price of 10p a pound yesterday.

Twenty tonnes of apples were blown off trees in the recent gale. The royal orchards will be open until Sunday night for pick-your-own visitors.

EEC gives £73m to develop industry in regions

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

EEC regional grants of more than £73 million have been made to 14 major investments in industry and infrastructure in Britain.

The allocations from the European Regional Development Fund, announced yesterday, include £14.6 million for five projects in the North-west, including the construction of a nw railway line between Manchester Piccadilly in the south-east of the city and Manchester Victoria for routes to the north-west.

At Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, a grant of £1.6 million has been made towards the extension of a container terminal to accommodate the bigger ships on the Mediterranean and Iberian run. The investment could safeguard about 200 jobs at the port and many other jobs that depend on the shipping trade.

In the West Midlands, a grant of £5.6 million has been made towards a section of the Birmingham middle ring road, which connects the M6 with numerous industrial firms and sites.

Three projects in Scotland have received £10.3 million in grants, including £3.3 million for a new ferry to improve tourist and commercial traffic on the Oban-Mull-Colonsay run.

The South-west receives £8 million in grants towards projects, including an electricity cable link to the Isles of Scilly, allowing tariffs to be reduced to mainland levels and helping to stimulate the islands' economy.

In Northern Ireland, the conversion of Kilroot Power Station to dual oil and coal firing has been allocated £23.8 million. It is the biggest single grant ever awarded to the province and an important step towards reducing a total dependence on oil.

In Wales, a £10 million grant has been made for the construction of the central link of the Cardiff peripheral distributor road built by South Glamorgan County Council.

● Three Labour-controlled inner-city authorities have joined forces in a Government supported attempt to create jobs. The Manchester, Salford and Trafford authorities are pressing for £181 million from the EEC to help fund a five-year jobs strategy costing a total of £637 million. It is hoped that the balance will come from central government, statutory undertakings and the private sector.

Mr Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, said yesterday: "What makes this partnership unique is that it brings together three local authorities which have different approaches to regeneration." The policies of left wing-led Manchester City Council were normally at odds with the more moderate Salford and Trafford councils.

● An inner-city task force in Bristol has set up a new scheme to show unskilled jobless people how to build their own homes and improve their chances of employment.

The co-ordinator of the project is Mr Chris Gordon, aged 27, who five years ago was one of 12 unemployed young people who built a block of flats.

Mr Gordon is the first full-time co-ordinator for self-build projects in Britain. As head of the Bristol Self-Build Development Agency, he has received £25,000 in aid from the St Paul's Inner City Task Force.

Government seeks to take control of teachers' pay

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Government is proposing to take powers to enable it to determine the pay and conditions of all 440,000 teachers in England and Wales.

The plan was outlined in a Green Paper presented to Parliament yesterday by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Mr Baker also announced that next year's pay rise for teachers is not to cost more than £300 million, equivalent to an average increase of 5 per cent and substanially less than the current average rise in non-manual earnings.

The Green Paper proposes a *new body, the Teachers' Negotiating Group*, to replace the Burnham committee which Mr Baker abolished last March. It will be a statutory committee on which the Government will have a majority of votes on the employers' side.

The rest will be distributed among the representatives of the 104 local education authorities, who will continue to employ the majority of teachers. The teachers will be represented by their six unions.

If a majority on both sides of the committee cannot agree on a settlement and one side is against going to arbitration, the Government will have the power to impose its own terms, subject to parliamentary approval.

The Green Paper emphasizes both the profusion of interests in education and the big proportion of public expenditure represented by teachers' pay. It adds that by 1990, when the rating system is due to be reformed, "a larger part of the teachers' pay bill *will be funded by central grant* than by locally determined taxation".

It says: "These considerations taken together lead the Government to conclude that the Secretary of State's representatives should have a majority of votes on the management side of the Teachers' Negotiating Group".

The proposals were condemned by Mr Neil Fletcher, chairman of the education committee of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities. He said: "The freedom to negotiate freely with your employer is the hallmark of a democratic society. The new proposals will deny that to teachers. They are a disastrous recipe for continual conflict of the kind we have seen in the *past few years*."

The Green Paper also proposes the introduction of regional variations in teachers' pay. Looking further ahead, it suggests that once schools have been given responsibility for their budgets they could take over the negotiation of pay and conditions of service on a school level.

Both proposals were condemned by the National Union of Teachers. It said the value of a teacher was the same "in Newham, Catford or Cumberland".

The Green Paper rejects a national joint council suggested by the unions and local authorities as "likely to give rise to some of the same problems as the discredited Burnham committee".

It also rejects the independent review body proposed by, among others, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations. It says there is no evidence that the majority of teachers would be prepared to commit themselves to abandoning the use of industrial action.

The decision to limit teachers' pay rises next year to £300 million was announced in a letter to Lord Chilver, chairman of the interim advisory committee.

Teachers' Pay and Conditions. Cm 238 (HMSO, London; £4.50).

Mr Mitchell (left) and M Douffiagues in Kent yesterday in front of a mock up of a Channel Tunnel train(Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Sports welcome Sunday Bill

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

Officials from 14 of Britain's sports bodies have signed a letter in *The Times* today, welcoming the introduction of a new House of Commons Bill supporting Sunday sport.

Mr Alan Smith, secretary of the Cricket Council, Mr Christopher Foster, secretary of the Jockey Club, and Mr Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association, are among those supporting the Bill, to be presented today by Mr Nicholas Soames, the Conservative MP for Crawley.

The move to introduce the new legislation, Sunday Sports (No.2) Bill, which will also allow betting shops to be open on a maximum of 12 Sundays a year, has been made with the agreement of Lord Wyatt, the chairman of the Tote. His Sunday Sports Bill goes to committee and its third reading in the House of Lords on November 5.

There is likely to be strong opposition to the Bill, however, particularly its betting aspect. *The Times* also publishes a letter from the Keep Sunday Special Campaign today, protesting against the social and environmental disruption Sunday sport would cause.

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Irish kidnapping

Inquiry on gunmen's escape

By John Cooney

An embarrassed Irish justice minister ordered an inquiry yesterday into the failure of police to secure the release of Mr John O'Grady from his kidnappers at a remote hide-out in Co Cork.

Mr Gerry Collins was also angered that one of three getaway cars used by the gunmen was found abandoned early yesterday morning in the border town of Dundalk.

This location proved that at least one member of the kidnap gang or an accomplice had driven the virtual length of the Irish Republic in spite of a police and army road searches.

Only last Friday, Mr Collins assured the Irish parliament that the gang which kidnapped Mr O'Grady, a dentist aged 38, would be caught, and that the government would not tolerate terrorists roaming around the country with impunity.

The police were accused by the Irish media of badly bungling the rescue operation on Monday, in which detectives outnumbered the three kidnappers by at least five to one. The gunmen escaped with their handcuffed captive by shooting their way through a police cordon at a farmhouse *near Midleton*.

The escape has boosted the reputation of the man believed to be the gang's leader, Dessie O'Hare, the most wanted fugitive in Ireland. A former member of both the IRA and the INLA, O'Hare is said to operate as a freelance terrorist. He is known as "The Border Fox" and is also wanted by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in connection with a number of murders.

This latest exploit has reopened the controversy about the efficiency of the Irish police only a month after a senior RUC officer complained about the southern force's inexperience and lack of sophistication in dealing with cross-border terrorism.

The most recent embarrassment was the failure of the Irish police to capture a *criminal gang in the Dublin* mountains wanted in connection with the theft of paintings valued at £20 million from the world-renowned Beit collection.

Monday's escape has also focused attention on the fact that during the 1983 search for Don Tidey, the English-born supermarket executive, his kidnappers twice escaped from police before being caught.

However, the charge of police bungling was rejected by Mr O'Grady's father-in-law, the millionaire Dr Austin Darragh, who expressed on radio the family's "total and complete confidence in the police".

Mr O'Grady was abducted from his home in Dublin two weeks ago instead of Dr Darragh, the intended victim. The gang demanded a £300,000 ransom, but Dr Darragh has made clear that he has no intention of paying it.

French unhappy with 'slow' tunnel links

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The French gave a warning yesterday that they could not be satisfied with British Rail links to the Channel Tunnel which travelled at only half the speed of trains linking Paris with the tunnel.

M Jacques Douffiagues, the French transport minister, was visiting the site of the British entrance to the tunnel at Shakespeare Cliff, near Folkestone, for the first time.

He had travelled from London to Ashford by rail with Mr David Mitchell, the Minister of State for Transport.

Mr Mitchell said he thought that M Douffiagues had been surprised at the length and narrowness of tunnels, the difficulty of the terrain and the extent of urban sprawl, all of which made the construction of a high speed railway line from Dover to London much more difficult and expensive than building a line across northern France.

Mr Mitchell also pointed out that the French link to the Channel tunnel would be a spur of a network linking Paris to Brussels, Amsterdam and Cologne, which gave economic advantages which a single line through south-east England would not.

M Douffiagues said he appreciated the difficulties, but it was not possible to be satisfied for ever with average train speeds from Dover to London of under 70 mph.

He said the French trains would be able to travel from Paris to Calais, about 205 miles, in little more time than trains in Britain travelled the 74 miles from Dover to London.

British Rail have plans to increase the maximum speed on some sections of the route from 90 to 100 mph.

A bigger Sunday Times

The Sunday Times **is launching new travel and book sections in the New Year which could herald a 200 page newspaper by the end of 1988.**

From January 10 the newspaper will consist of seven sections plus a colour magazine and will represent "the most comprehensive package in European Sunday journalism," Mr Andrew Neil, the newspaper's editor, said yesterday.

The 24 page tabloid books section will include literary profiles and interviews, an expanded paperback section and extended bestsellers' list. But it will concentrate on providing an increased number of book reviews.

The broadsheet travel section will aim to combine quality travel writing with the best in service features from around the world.

Saleroom

Nero finds his followers

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

If the Chancellor of the Exchequer is like Nero, fiddling while Rome burns, he is not alone. The entire art market seems to be with him, maintaining an eerie state of buoyancy.

Yesterday, Christie's London sold a twentieth century netsuke for the world record price of £12,100. Meanwhile, Phillips's auctioneers were marvelling at the prices raised by both Old Master paintings and Art Nouveau ceramics.

Netsukes originated in Japan as toggles to fasten the kimono, and to act as counterweights for keys and purses. Nowadays, the modern Japanese gentleman has no use for them, but craftsmen go on carving them, and, as this sale from the collection of the Californian Raymond Bushell vouches, collectors go on buying them.

Symbolically, the highest price was for a netsuke carved as an Amagatsu doll — a kind of amulet which used to be placed near the head of a newborn child to draw any potential bad fortune away from it. Although it was bought anonymously, quite a number of the highest lots were bought by the London firm of Eskenazi.

The final total for the 300-lot netsuke sale was £813,417 — just over the estimated target.

Over at Phillips's, Mr Brian Koetser, the Old Masters expert, appeared to be swooning at the high price raised by a painting of the Madonna and Child he had catalogued as by a "Follower of Titian".

According to the catalogue, this places the work low on the authenticity scale, below "attributed to"; "studio of" and "circle of". But, estimated at £2,000 to £3,000, it sold for £20,900.

Kasparov dejected by draw

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

The close of a World Championship game was greeted with absolutely no applause for the first time in my experience at the end of the sixth match on Monday night.

The Spanish spectators were clearly disenchanted with the lack of action in Gary Kasparov's attempted comeback after his disastrous defeat in game five.

Kasparov, playing white, once again chose the English opening and speedily built up a promising position by advancing on the Queen's wing. He then concentrated his forces against Anatoly Karpov's weaknesses in that sector.

However things began to go badly for the champion after this promising and aggressive start. On move 23 he inexplicably rejected the active move Ba5, favouring a passive retreat instead. Then, on move 24, Kasparov chose to consolidate his pawn structure instead of bringing another piece into the attack by means of Nxb3.

Karpov adroitly moved to a drawn ending of bishops and knights. The disappointed champion offered the draw when playing his twenty-eighth move and it was briskly accepted.

At the end of the game, faced by the resolute silence of the audience, Kasparov sat for several minutes staring dejectedly at the board.

The score is three and a half points to Karpov and two and a half points to Kasparov.

White Kasparov	Black Karpov	White	Black
1 c4	e5	15 Qa4	f5
2 Nc3	Nc6	16 Nd2	Nf7
3 g3	g6	17 Rb3	Rab8
4 Bg2	d6	18 Rfb1	Rxb3
5 Rb1	Bf5	19 Rxb3	Rc8
6 d3	Qd7	20 Qa6	Nd8
7 b4	Bg7	21 Bb4	Rb8
8 b5	Nd8	22 Ne4	Kf7
9 Nd5	c5	23 Bc3	Rxb3
10 bxc6	bxc6	24 axb3	Qc7
11 Nc3	Ne7	25 e3	Bc8
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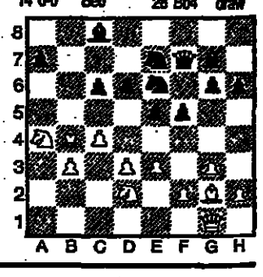
13 Nf3	h6	27 Bxa5	Ne6
14 0-0	Be6	28 Bb4	draw



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Graduate who mastered art of killing

July 20, 1982, Regent's Park, eight died: an injured bandsman is comforted.

July 20, 1982, Hyde Park, three soldiers and seven horses died. A car bomb was detonated as cavalrymen passed by.

A victim of the 1983 Harrods bombing.

'IRA recognized McNamee's talent and encouraged him'

By Stewart Tendler and John Cooney

The Army bomb disposal team inched painstakingly for hours along a South Armagh road towards a triple booby-trapped bomb built round a petrol tanker and 700lbs of explosive. As they worked for six days late in October 1984, IRA men watched through binoculars from across the Irish border.

Police believe one of those observers was Gilbert "Danny" McNamee, a science graduate nurtured through university by the Provisionals, and convicted yesterday as one of the greatest of the IRA bomb-makers.

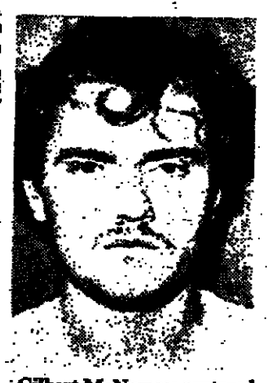
When the soldiers finished and the device was finally made safe the Royal Ulster Constabulary could only describe it as "fiendish". It had taken the expertise of the Army's chief bomb expert in Ulster and one of the largest explosives operations ever mounted in the province to defeat McNamee.

But it was a small defeat for the quiet, slightly built man credited by police with making up to 80 bombs that have killed or wounded scores of people in Northern Ireland and London.

It is said by Scotland Yard detectives to be one of the most important convictions they have achieved in the long battle with the Provisionals.

Detectives say they do not believe McNamee made the bomb that devastated the Grand Hotel in Brighton during the Conservative Party conference but a long-term device in an explosives cache linked to McNamee disappeared before the attack.

McNamee is, however, held responsible for a bloody catalogue of 10 bombs exploded in Britain, including the one at Harrods in 1983, those at Hyde Park and Regent's Park in 1982 and a series of attacks in the autumn of 1981. They killed 19 people and were responsible for injuries to a further 183.



Gilbert McNamee: nurtured through university.

In Northern Ireland his expertise in radio-controlled, booby trapped and time delayed devices has wrought havoc on the RUC and the Army in the bandit country of South Armagh close to his home at Crossmaglen. He not only made bombs but sometimes detonated them himself.

Five soldiers died in a radio-controlled bomb blast on the Irish border in May 1981 soon after McNamee is known to have started making bombs. In the same year two bomb disposal experts were killed by booby traps.

He was arrested and charged by the Garda early in 1984 with offences involving circuit boards and explosives but was freed to continue his work when the case against him was dropped.

A second court case collapsed a year later but by then he had become the target of a long-term surveillance operation.

Although McNamee was a child of the "troubles", there was for years little to rouse the curiosity of the Garda, the RUC or MI5. The short-sighted McNamee seemed to lead a blameless life.

In retrospect it seems McNamee had made a compact with the IRA. He was under orders to maintain a low profile.

During his trial, McNamee emphasized that he and his father were Irish nationalist and not republican. Two of his cousins were killed by the IRA as police informers but he never mentioned another cousin, Patrick McNamee, who was sentenced to eight years in jail in Dublin in 1982 for explosives offences.

The point of McNamee's own recruitment is not known but in 1975 his father, Thomas, died after a public house bombing in Crossmaglen.

There might have been pressure for the older children to go out and work for the family but McNamee stayed at school, prompting speculation that the IRA recognized a potential talent and encouraged him.

He left the Abbey Grammar School at Newry with 10 O levels and three A levels bound for Imperial College, London, to read electrical engineering in the autumn of 1979. He stayed only four days before returning to Northern Ireland to read physics at Queen's University, Belfast. Imperial College has no record of the reason for the change.

Within a year of starting studies which included rudimentary electronics, bomb experts believe McNamee had in 1980 started to build the first of a dozen radio-controlled bombs that appeared in Ulster in the space of 18 months.

In his holidays he was returning to Crossmaglen and then crossing the border to work with a company in Dundalk specializing in amusement machines. The firm for which McNamee went to work, the Kimble Manufacturing Company, was run by two brothers, George and James McCann. George McCann was given a three-year suspended sentence in France two weeks ago for arms smuggling linked to the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) and his brother is wanted in Ulster as a member of the Provisionals.

Kimble Manufacturing made electronic poker games for arcades and McNamee worked behind that cover.

When the Maze hunger strike collapsed in the autumn of 1981, police believe it was his bombs that supplied an active service unit headed by Paul Kavanagh and Thomas Quigley and were used to spearhead a bloody autumn of attacks in London.

In the month that McNamee received his degree two of his bombs ripped through Hyde Park and Regent's Park in the ambush of a cavalry troop and a miltary band.

He denies ever returning to London after the abortive stay in 1979 but police suspect that he was back in the capital in 1983. A bomb defused in Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, west London was later discovered to have his print on a battery, and the position of the print suggests that the bomb-maker actually activated his device.

A second bomb left in Woolwich, south-east London also failed to do any damage but a few weeks later the Provisionals unleashed the Harrods bomb that killed five people in an attack one Saturday lunchtime in the run up to Christmas.

In January 1984 police mounted a surveillance operation on Kavanagh as he arrived from Dublin; it led them to a second cache in Salcey Forest in Northamptonshire.

A month after the Salcey find, McNamee discovered he was the centre of attention for the Garda. He was arrested with two others, one also a science graduate, on charges involving circuit boards and explosives. The case collapsed in May 1984 after one of the other defendants was acquitted. McNamee was free again but the police offensive did not stop. Early in 1985 Kavanagh, Quigley and a third man called Natalino Vella were convicted in London for their roles in the 1981 bombing campaigns. Kavanagh and Quigley each received 35 years while Vella, who spoke at length to the police, got 15 years.

Their bomb maker was still free but then the Garda struck again.

McNamee was in court in Dublin in October 1985 on an arms charge; the Irish court threw out the case on a technicality. However, McNameee, having escaped the Irish courts again, was about to see his luck change.

In January 1986 he was held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act by the security forces during a seemingly routine sweep in Crossmaglen. The object of his arrest was to take his fingerprints.

McNamee was released and heard nothing more but in London his prints were being matched against the thousands of prints recorded by police and taken from the scenes of terrorism.

In London a match had been made with a fingerprint on the piece of tape from the Salcey Forest cache. It was enough on which to hold him until the experts went on to discover more prints in the Pangbourne cache and on the battery at Phillimore Gardens.

Pure science had trapped the scientific bomb-maker.

Science versus crime

Trapped by spots of sweat

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A few ageing spots of sweat and animal fat invisible to the human eye convicted one of the IRA's key members yesterday. McNamee's conviction is the latest success for a specialist group of fingerprint officers at Scotland Yard dedicated to tracking down Provisional IRA terrorists since the early 1970s.

Since the IRA began its operations, the Yard has built up a vast library of fingerprints and partial prints recovered from parts of bombs, weapons and the hiding places of active service units uncovered by police.

In the 1970s, at the height of the IRA campaigns in mainland Britain, 250 fingerprint officers were involved in investigations in which over 30 million print comparisons were made, leading to 300 indentifications linking 100 terrorists to attacks.

A year ago, the squad played a significant part in the conviction of Patrick Magee, after the Brighton bombing. They also provided evidence to convict two of McNamee's co-conspirators, Paul Kavanagh and Thomas Quigley, in 1985, and for the attempt to extradite Evelyn Glenholmes for her alleged part in London bombings.

The arms caches on which McNamee's prints were found have also yielded the prints of at least two other IRA figures yet to be captured.

The McNamee trial has seen one of the tightest security operations ever mounted at a London court. Armed policemen ringed Court Number Two each day and Mr Justice McCowan had a bodyguard throughout the trial.

The marksmen, from the City of London police, took up position with flak jackets under uniform pullovers each morning outside the court.

Each day, McNamee was driven to and from the high security wing at Brixton prison in a armed convoy watched by a police helicopter.

Fingerprint experts now use a vast array of technical equipment including lasers, and Home Office scientists have produced a huge handbook for fingerprint officers showing them the techniques that can be employed on a wide range of surfaces.

McNamee was caught by a number of reliable methods which revealed the three prints on which the jury convicted him. Two of the prints were left on pieces of insulating tape used to wrap components of radio-controlled bombs hidden in arms caches in Pangbourne, Berkshire, and Salcey Forest, Northamptonshire. The third was left on a battery uncovered after a bomb was defused in Phillimore Gardens, Kensington, west London.

The print on the smooth surface of the battery was revealed by coating it with aluminium powder, which adheres to the fats in fingerprints, and then photographing the result.

The print on one of the pieces of tape was brought up using radioactive sulphur dioxide, a system first developed in the early 1970s which is effective in studying coloured tapes used in electrical work or wrapped around tools.

The article is placed in an airtight chamber filled with radioactive sulphur dioxide which reacts to the constituents of the fingerprint. The print remains invisible until it is sandwiched between X-ray plates on which the mark is left.

The print on the second tape was revealed with gentian violet, another method of dealing with a sticky surface. The chemical, which is highly toxic and used only in special circumstances, stains the fatty constituents of the print purple enabling them to be recorded.

—Portfolio Gold—

Oxford head a winner

The headmaster of New College preparatory school, Oxford, for the past 33 years, is one of two winners of the £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Mr Alan Butterworth, aged 60, and his wife, Joy, live at the school in Savile Road, but they own an early nineteenth century house into which they are hoping to move after his retirement.

It is Mr Butterworth's first competition win, although his wife has won several Saturday crossword competitions in *The Times*, for which she received book tokens.

Mr Butterworth has no intention of replacing his car, an ageing MGB GT. Any spare money from his prize will be given to his two married daughters.

"The car keeps me young, and so there would never be any possibility of selling it for something more modern".

"We are both dazed after the win. It is just as well we are on half-term because my wife, who acts as my secretary, might not be fit for work, such is the excitement."

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Police using decoy car to trap thieves

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The car is fitted with an immobilizing device which cuts the ignition and locks the reinforced doors and windows. A warning alarm then alerts a local police station.

The four-door family saloon is parked by the police in dimly-lit areas, making it an ideal target for thieves.

The Warwickshire police are using the vehicle to help combat a 70 per cent increase in car crimes.

Inspector David Fry, who is in charge of the operation, said: "Anyone attempting to steal it is in for a big surprise. They won't know how big until it's too late."

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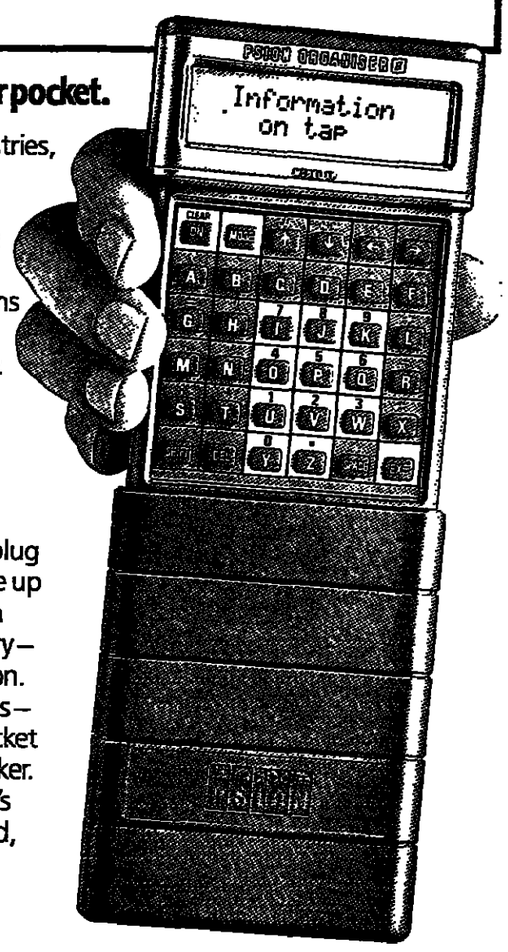

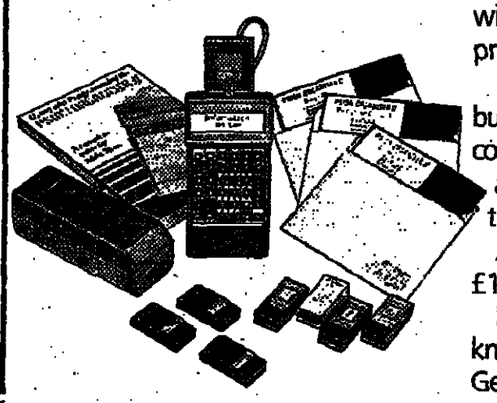

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Chancellor says Britain is able to weather the financial storm

Lawson promises early decision on the BP sale

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will reply by Thursday to the request from the BP share sale underwriters to terminate the sale. In a Commons statement he said that he had been surprised by the request.

He made clear that, under the terms of the sale, he was contractually bound to consider the application.

In his statement, which also covered the situation in the financial markets, he said that Britain's robust economic health put it in the best possible position to weather the storm.

In his private notice question, Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked the Chancellor to make a statement on the financial situation and the consequences for the sale of BP shares.

Mr Lawson said that the sharp falls in share prices throughout the world over the past fortnight would tighten monetary conditions somewhat and were likely to have a dampening effect on world demand.

It was far too soon to put any figures on this, but he had already responded by reducing interest rates by 0.5 per cent and interest rates had also come down in the United States.

"I will, of course, continue to watch the situation closely and take whatever steps are required."

He was also in regular touch by telephone with his opposite numbers in the other main industrial countries.

"Meanwhile, the robust economic health and sound public finances which we have in this country — (Conservative cheers and Labour laughter) — put us in the strongest possible position to weather this storm, just as we successfully coped with the year-long coal strike and the collapse in the world oil prices."

As for the implications of the stock market slide for the BP sale, there was provision under clause 8 of the BP fixed price underwriters' agreement for the underwriters to seek consultation with the Treasury if most of them formed the opinion that there had been an adverse change of circumstances, as specified by the agreement, in the light of which they believed that they were no longer assuming a proper underwriting risk.

He had been informed by N M Rothschild and Sons, on behalf of the UK underwriters, that a majority now took that view.

"They therefore sent a written representation to the Treasury yesterday afternoon seeking consultation with a view to terminating the offer for sale. I have to say I was surprised by this (loud Labour laughter).

Robust economic health puts us in strong position

"I am now considering the points they have made, as I am contractually bound to do."

The underwriting agreement set out steps that must be followed for the consultation process to be triggered. The Treasury would consider the respresentations and consult BP.

Rothschilds would also seek BP's view. Rothschilds and the Treasury would then consult together. If they were unable to agree, they would jointly approach the Bank of England for its assessment.

"I will take full account of that assessment before I take a final decision.

"It is my intention to proceed as quickly as possible, consistent with the proper observation of the procedures. The House will understand that, now that the underwriters have invoked this consultation process, I cannot say more until the process is concluded, but I will gladly listen to the views of MPs."

Mr Smith said that Mr Lawson should be ashamed that he had to be dragged reluctantly to the House to answer a private notice question when he should have volunteered a statement on his own initiative days ago.

It was clear that the fundamental reason for the collapse in international markets was the irresponsibility of governments, including the British Government, in facing up to the problems of the US deficit and the Japanese and German surpluses.

Instead of taking steps gradually to reduce the US trade deficit and simultaneously to expand other economies, governments staffed by people such as Mr Lawson, addicted to free market theories, had abandoned their responsibilities to markets, the activities of which the Chancellor had described as absurd, and which, according to the Prime Minister, were involved in 5 per cent trade and 95 per cent speculation.

"Does he understand that finally the free market chickens have come home to roost?"

The Government should now co-operate in setting up a new economic summit of the G7 countries to tackle the deficit problem in a way that would avoid recession, open up opportunities for growth and deal constructively with the debt problems of the developing world.

On the question of BP, would the Government explain why it had to take so long to go through the procedures that the Chancellor had outlined when Mr Lawson had made it crystal clear that he intended to hold the underwriters to their obligations?

Free market chickens have come home to roost

Would it not be wiser, as they were only hours away from the close of the offer, for him to show a little more urgency in the consultation? The Chancellor should have given a definitive answer today.

Whatever happened, would he confirm that the Government was obliged to purchase 450 million new shares at 330p and that the difference between the price at which it had committed itself to buy new shares and the present value in the markets was more than £300 million?

Would he also confirm that, whatever happened, £20 million would have been wasted on an extravagent advertising "hype"?

It was extraordinary that, while all this money was being wasted, the Government was cutting child benefit because it claimed that the country could not afford to set it at a decent level.

"Whatever happens to the underwriters, the decision to sell the whole of the Government's stake in BP has been profoundly foolish.

The Chancellor had claimed that his whole purpose in the BP share sale was to widen share ownership. What was left of that purpose now?

Mr Lawson agreed that the size of the United States budget deficit was way ahead of the Americans' capacity to finance it. That was an important problem in the world economy at present.

But it was impertinent of Mr Smith to blame the British Government when, three years ago, Labour was attacking the Treasury and saying that Britain should follow just those sort of policies (loud laughter).

He agreed, too, on the importance of G7. It had never been in better shape during his time as Chancellor of the Exchequer than it was now. It had stabilized exchange rates, among other things.

The workmanlike co-operation that the G7 nations had, which he hoped could be built upon, was more serious than empty waffle about "non-existent plans and some summit".

The BP underwriters had approached the Treaury at 4.20pm on Monday afternoon. He would now go through the consultation procedure as quickly as possible.

"I hope to reach a conclusion by Thursday" (Labour shout of "Thursday!" and some laughter).

As for Mr Smith's assertion that the Government had pledged to buy BP shares at £3.30, that was not true (laughter).

Mr Smith had also said that it was wrong to sell BP shares. Yet it had been a Labour Government, in 1977, that had first sold part of BP to the public (Conservative laughter).

The Chancellor said he was surprised by the underwriters' request

City's pledge 'must be kept'

The underwriters were impertinent to suggest that they should forgo their responsibilities, the Chancellor was told during further questioning on his statement. Conservative MPs called on him not to bail out the underwriters of the BP offer.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C), chairman of the Select Committee on the Treasury and Civil Service in the last Parliament, welcomed Mr Lawson's interest rate reduction. He said that it had to be combined with fiscal balance.

He congratulated the Chancellor on his remarks about, and representations to, Washington over the United States deficit. It would be very dangerous to put underwriters in a position where they could say "heads we win, tails they lose" (cheers).

Mr Lawson asserted that it was "very, very important" that Britain continued to keep pressure on the United States over the deficit. President Reagan now seemed less unwilling than ever before to raise taxes.

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Treasury spokesman, said that United States economic problems derived mainly from President Reagan's decisions to cut taxes and increase defence spending at the same time. Now, the party was over.

What was the British Government going to do about small investors who had been beguiled by expensive advertising: deliver them a kick in the teeth?

Mr Lawson welcomed Mr Beith's late conversion to the cause of sound finance — something which the Conservatives had been preaching for a very long time.

Small investors who had applied for BP shares, were bound by the terms and conditions of the offer.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C) said that the Chancellor should resist suggestions of abandoning the free market. The reason that the economy was so strong today as compared with 1979 was simply that Britain had allowed the free market to operate within the control of the Treasury.

Mr Alan Beith: Question about small investors.

To get international confidence into the money markets the most urgent thing was for President Reagan to make up his mind as soon as possible to increase his taxes and cut public spending.

Mr Lawson: "There is probably general agreement in the House with what Sir William has said".

To be fair, action was not called for only from the Americans. In current circumstances there was a danger that monetary policy in the Federal Republic of Germany was really rather too tight and he hoped there would be action on that front, too.

Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) said that nobody would accuse Mr Lawson of hyperbole in saying that the events of the last two weeks would have a dampening effect on world demand.

"The real effects are far more likely to be a serious curtailment of investment, curtailment of consumer spending and a resulting increase in unemployment." Was the Chancellor, therefore, ready to take counter-recession measures, a package, national and international, to meet the scale of events?

Mr Lawson: I will take whatever actions I believe to be necessary in the circumstances.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab), chairman of the Public Accounts Comittee, asked Mr Lawson to dismiss the impertinence of the underwriters in coming to him to forgo their responsibilities and liabilities.

Sir Michael Shaw (Scarborough, C) said that the overreaction of the stock market should not lead the public into believing that the state of the British economy was less strong than it was. Would it not be bad for the long-term future of the country if emergency measures were to be taken? The rules as they stood ought to continue and the undertakers (laughter) should not be relieved of their responsibilities.

Mr Lawson said that he noted carefully his reference to undertakers (further laughter). The CBI trend survey showed an extremely strong and confident performance by British industry.

Mr David Blunkett (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab) said that in a democracy the Chancellor was accountable for the economy and what happened to public assets rested with him. A capital-owning, share-owning democracy was neither democratic nor effective.

Would the Chancellor cease the sale of further major public assets? The most widespread form of share ownership was social ownership.

Mr Lawson accepted that he had a heavy responsibility. Share ownership was not to be condemned, it was to be welcomed and the privatization programme would continue.

Legal limits on what I can say, Thatcher tells Kinnock

The BP share issue and the crisis in the world's stock markets was first raised at Prime Minister's question time.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) asked whether the Government had, in the light of the BP share issue, revised downwards the amount that it expected to raise from selling the water industry.

The Government had estimated that it might raise £8 billion and, with assets worth £29 billion, that was selling off cheap. Would the amount now be about £4 billion, bearing in mind that it would cost £2 billion to £3 billion to install water meters compulsorily in everybody's home?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: The paving Bill before the House will have to go through the House and there will be other legislation. The underwriters have made representations to the Treasury that the BP issue should be withdrawn. The Chancellor is considering them, as he is contractually bound to do under the terms of the underwriting agreement, and will explain the procedures later.

Sir Peter Tapsell (East Lindsey, C): The present crisis in stock markets round the world is primarily an international rather than a national problem and needs an international co-operative response.

In particular, it needs first an early announcement from the Federal Republic of Germany that they intend to reduce interest rates. Second, it needs an early announcement from President Reagan and Congress that they intend to put up their taxes.

Third, it needs continuing international supervision and control of the new and ever-proliferating financial mechanisms which if necessary will prohibit some of these speculative instruments if we are not to be faced by an international financial Frankenstein.

Mrs Thatcher: I would agree with him that the matter of the United States budget deficit needs dealing with, and I believe is being dealt with.

The co-operation of Germany, and of course Japan, in the Louvre agreement was reaffirmed by Mr Baker, Mr Stoltenberg and Mr Poehl. That has a considerable influence on exchange rates.

Interest rates have been falling, particularly at the long end of the market, as people have gone into gilts and bonds. We have reduced our interest rates, so we have played our full part in sound financing, for which I have been criticized, but it has turned out to be the safest thing.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition: It is clear that the underwriters of the BP share issue do not consider the sale to be a proper underwriting risk in terms of the prospectus. Does she agree or disagree with them?

Mrs Thatcher: Perhaps he did not quite hear what I said earlier. There are restrictions on what I can say....

Labour MPs: Why?

Mrs Thatcher: For legal reasons there are restrictions on what I can say, but on the matter of whether the BP issue should be withdrawn, the Chancellor is considering that, as he is contractually bound to do, in terms of the underwriting agreement. He will explain the procedure in his answer later.

Mr Kinnock: She knows very well that there is no legal consideration which forbids her responding, especially when the underwriters have made the position so clear. Indeed she has an absolute duty under the prospectus to respond.

Conservative MPs: No.

Mr Kinnock: The absence of a firm decision only prolongs and increases instability. Is her refusal to say what her position is not a pathetic evasion of responsibility?

Mrs Thatcher: With all due respect, Mr Kinnock has not taken due account of what I said. The Chanceller is contractually bound to consider the representations in terms of the underwriting agreement. He must make due and proper consideration. That is what he is doing.

Mr Kinnock: The underwriters made representations yesterday. Everybody knows that the Chancellor has an obligation to discuss the matter with them and, if there is failure to agree, to consult the Bank of England. I ask again: Why the delay? Why is she prolonging instability?

Mrs Thatcher: He knows the Chancellor must go genuinely through the procedures. That is what he is doing.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): Has she had a chance to hear Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, whose motto is "My word is my bond"? The BP issue is fully underwritten and should go ahead. The underwriters have done well for some years. Now is the time for "My word is my bond" to be taken up.

Mrs Thatcher: The Chancellor must follow the procedures he is contractually bound to follow.

Anonymous tests for Aids rejected

The idea of anonymous screening as a way of providing accurate information on the spread of Aids was rejected by *Mr John Moore*, Secretary of State for Social Services, during question time in the Commons.

The suggestion came from Mr Timothy Yeo (South Suffolk, C), who said that it would be a simple and cheap method because many blood samples were taken routinely.

Mr Moore said that the Government wanted information on the spread of HIV infection. He was anxious to ensure that the best scientific information was available, though not necessarily by the route suggested.

Mr Robin Cook, from the Opposition front bench, asked if it was correct that 1,200 haemophiliacs had contracted Aids "at the hands of the National Health Service, through receiving infected blood transfusions".

Was that a result of the Government's failure to make the country self-sufficient in blood products?

Mr Moore confirmed the figure. He said that he had the deepest sympathy with those affected, but that there had never been a general state scheme to compensate those who suffered adverse affects that might arise from medical procedures.

● Later, Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C), to cheers from both sides, asked the Prime Minister to consider the desperate plight of haemophiliac Aids victims, suffering through no fault of their own. Mrs Thatcher said that she would discuss the matter with the Minister for Health.

Mental hospital plans

Planned closures of mental hospitals should go ahead very carefully because some of the individuals involved still needed in-patient care, Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, said during questions.

He disclosed that there are 60,279 mentally ill people in hospital in England and a further 8,267 in special residential care.

Mr John Bowis (Battersea, C) drew cheers from all parts of the House when he called for a correction in what he described as the imbalance in the mental health budget, under which, at present, 90 per cent went to hospitals and only 10 per cent to care in the community.

Mr Newton agreed with the general thrust of what he said. Hospital closure proposals should be handled very carefully.

Sentence rights queried

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government promised in the Lords, during the fourth day of the committee stage of the Criminal Justice Bill, to consider abolishing a judge's right to recommend the minimum term to be served by a murderer sentenced to life imprisonment.

Some peers also expressed support for replacing the present murder and manslaughter charges with one of unlawful killing to remove the difficult distinction.

After a debate on life sentences, the Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, agreed to look at all the issues before the next stage of the Bill and the related amendments were withdrawn.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (SDP), moving an amendment for abolishing the recommendations, said that it had the approval of the all-party penal affairs group.

He said that, between 1965 and 1985, judges made 244 recommendations as to the minimum sentences to be served and in only seven cases were prisoners released before that time.

The recommendations were used in an entirely haphazard manner, with some judges favouring them and some not.

Social security payments statement

Opposition fury as Moore says child benefit will not be raised next April

There would be no increase in child benefit next April, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, told the Commons in a statement.

To Opposition cries of "Disgrace", he said that higher child benefit would be of greatest help to those who were already well off and whose living standards were already rising.

In contrast, it would give no extra help to more than three million children in families on benefit, including low-income working families.

Child benefit now cost more than £4 billion, nearly 10 per cent of the whole social security budget, and an increase would not be the best use of resources at present.

The particular need was to target help on those who most needed it and to control the overall growth in social security expenditure.

Mr Moore was outlining his plans for the next uprating of social security benefits and the introduction of a reformed system of income-related benefits that would take place for most benefits in the week beginning April 11 next year.

He said that the retirement pension for a married couple would rise from £63.25 a week to £65.90, and for a single person from £39.50 to £41.15, in line with increase in prices of 4.2 per cent.

Mr John Moore: Fostering incentives to work.

He had decided to uprate all contributory benefits, benefits for the disabled, war pensions and similar benefits by 4.2 per cent also. Public service pensions would be likewise increased.

The new system of income-related benefits would be introduced next April. Supplementary benefit would be replaced by the simpler income support; housing benefit by a reshaped system aligned with income support; and family income supplement by the new family credit.

"This new, more coherent and better targeted structure will direct help more clearly where it is most needed and will foster incentives to work."

Overall, income-support claimants would be receiving higher real levels of benefit than under the previous figures.

Sick and disabled people would be getting an increase under the new scheme of nearly £5 a week in disposable income.

"Even with no change in the rate of child benefit, we will be increasing, not reducing, the overall level of resources devoted to families with children.

"We will be spending £220 million extra on the new family credit and £100 million extra on families' income support. By contrast, a full uprating of child benefit would have cost £120 million.

"Moreover, family credit will go directly to help low-income working families with children and will reach twice as many people as the present family income supplement."

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that the statement would result in a cut in benefit for more claimants than any uprating statement made by Mr Moore's predecessors in the past eight years.

On income support, almost four million claimants on supplementary benefit would not get a penny extra in increased benefit next April.

Those worst affected would be those disabled claimants who would not qualify for the disability premium and could lose entitlement of up to £50 a week.

Could he confirm that one million claimants would lose all their entitlement to housing benefit?

A couple of million pensioners would now recieve a rates demand for the first time in years.

If Britain had the fastest growing economy in Europe, why had the Prime Minister given them the lowest pensions in Europe?

Worst of all was the freezing of child benefit which would affect seven million mothers.

How could the Tories pose as the party of the family when they had cut support for school meals, school transport, school clothing and now the volume of child benefit for the second time in three years?

Mr Moore said that total benefits would now be half-a-billion pounds more than in the last published plans.

Whips' row delays watchdog decision

Continuing disputes between Government and Opposition whips have caused the recreation of the all-party Commons select committees — Whitehall's watchdogs — to be postponed.

The Committee of Selection responsible for choosing committee members wanted to begin the process today, but has been thwarted because the whips are still arguing over chairmanships and over the composition of the Scottish affairs committee.

A big dispute over the composition of the defence select committee is also imminent. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the Labour whips have finally decided to replace Dr John Gilbert, the former defence minister and outspoken critic of his party's unilateralism, with a member of CND.

That may cause the protest resignation of Dr Gilbert's two multilateralist committee colleagues, Mr Bruce George and Mr Dick Douglas. It would mean the Ministry of Defence withholding the classified information which enabled the committee to produce a string of top-quality reports in the last Parliament.

It will also lead to a Commons debate exposing Labour's deep defence divisions because senior backbench Tories have already indicated that they will object.

It is possible for the Conservatives to table and carry an amendment putting Dr Gilbert back on the committee, thus thwarting the Labour whips and creating a bitter constitutional dispute in the process.

The chairmanships disputes appears to centre on the social services committee, which has had a Labour chairman for many years. The Conservatives are said to want it back because it is likely to be a key committee in the new Parliament.

Other sources suggest that Labour wants to swap it for another committee chairmanship to avoid having to make the independent-minded Mr Frank Field, Labour's sole obvious contender, the chairman. Labour is believed to want either the energy or environment committee chairmanships.

The dispute over the Scottish affairs committee has been caused by the Government's post-election inability to muster enough Scottish Tories to form a majority. It is believed to have suggested a reduction in the size of the committee so that it can retain a majority, but Scottish Labour MPs are in uncompromising mood.

Mr Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip, has made clear his determination to block the formation of any committee if he believes that the Government is behaving unreasonably.

£2,500 confidentiality bill

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Tory MP is facing a £2,500 legal bill having successfully resisted an almost unprecedented attempt to have his confidential correspondence with a constituent produced as evidence in open court.

Mr Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North, was twice summonsed to appear at Maidstone Crown Court where his constituent, Miss Wendy Burgess, was a principal prosecution witness in a trial that saw the defendant, Manjit Singh Gill, imprisoned on two counts of soliciting to murder.

He finally appeared under protest earlier this month, having been subpoenaed by the judge, Mr Justice Leonard, and warned that not to do so would have been a criminal offence.

The prosecution argued that the correspondence could have contained evidence of a criminal conspiracy against the defendant.

Mr Greenway countered that absolute confidentiality between an MP and a constituent was a cornerstone of parliamentary democracy and could not be breached. The judge finally read the correspondence in private and declared that it should not be produced as evidence.

Mr Greenway said yesterday: "It's a gross imposition on any MP to have to find £2,500 for doing a public duty, all out of taxed income".

However, he said that he was delighted to have won an important test case. "I act on the principle that I will take a constituent's confidences to the grave. To have violated that would have been extremely serious for democracy itself and my relationship with my constituents."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Conclusion of debate on the defence estimates.

Lords (2.30): Debates on child health services and on the disabled.

Field sports spending at £1,800m a year

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

More than £1,800 million a year is spent on field sports in Britain, only slightly less than on admissions to spectator sports, and more than on tickets for the opera and pop concerts.

The figures were given to a conference held in London yesterday to launch a book which examines the relationship between hunting, shooting and fishing, and conservation and wildlife.

It was commissioned by the Standing Conference on Countryside Sports which includes sporting and landowning organizations, representatives of the Home Office, Department of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Scottish and Welsh Offices, Countryside Commission, Forestry Commission, Nature Conservancy Council, Sports Council, local authorities and the police.

The author, Mr Robin Page, is a farmer, naturalist, writer and broadcaster, who does not hunt, shoot or fish. But he makes a powerful case for field sports benefiting the national economy and the environment; and he insisted yesterday that this was his personal view, and that he had not been under pressure from any of the sponsors.

He writes of a huge and growing gap between town and country. "Urban views and values seem to dominate; the countryside, its ways, its wildlife and its people seem ignored or misrepresented", he says.

This situation is often made worse by deliberate misrepresentation, both in the media and by some anti-field sport organizations. As a result it is widely believed that coursed hares are released from boxes in front of the dogs, whereas the animals are wild and unrestricted.

Similarly it is thought that foxes are bred in captivity to be released on the day of a hunt. In reality there are probably more wild foxes in Britain today than ever before.

Mr Page accuses tabloid newspapers of being among the worst offenders in spreading misinformation. But he also criticises *The Independent* newspaper and the BBC for inaccuracy and misrepresentation.

As Malcolm Muggeridge observed in his autobiography, "People, after all, believe lies, not because they are plausibly presented, but because they want to believe them." So many people want to believe the lies about field sports; it makes them feel better — humanitarian and compassionate.

Political parties, too, thrive on this mixture of misinformation and ignorance, Mr Page writes. The Labour Party's desire to abolish hunting with hounds, while supporting angling, is based only on a desire to win votes, and the stance of the Alliance seems to be similarly motivated.

"Even some urban and suburban Tories are now anti-blood sports; it is better for their image and ensures periodic media coverage."

He suggests that up to 13 million acres of moorland, woodland, wetland, hedgerow, river and pond owe their preservation directly to field sports. With pressure now on farmers to take land out of agricultural use, field sports may actually make the changeover easier.

In a foreword to the book, Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the Countryside Commission, says that into the balancing of judgments must come, for all fair minds, the breadth and depth and scale of those landscapes and wildlife habitats which are sustained wholly or largely by country sports.

The Fox and the Orchid; Country Sports and the Countryside, by Robin Page. (Quiller Press Ltd, 50 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4BD; £11.95).

● More than 1,000 people have signed a petition calling for an end to hunting in the area of Cumbria where John Peel hunted. It will be presented to the Lake District special planning board which owns most of the land.

Lowry's home from home is unveiled

Miss Shelley Rohde, the biographer of L S Lowry, relaxes in a facsimile of the artist's sitting room that she helped to recreate at Manchester City art gallery for an exhibition celebrating the centenary of his birth. Most of the furniture and effects are lent by his estate (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

University research

Hunt for 'anti-gravity' force

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Newcastle University is setting up an experiment to search for a mysterious "anti-gravity" force, the existence of which would threaten some of the most established ideas in science.

The force, which weakens the effect of gravity over distances of a few yards to a mile, was predicted in the early 1970s. Last year, reports emerged in the United States and Australia that such a force had been discovered. A team led by Professor Keith Runcorn, of Newcastle University's physics department, is joining the international hunt for proof that it exists.

According to Professor Runcorn, most of the experiments to date have not been sensitive enough to detect the force, which is thought to weaken gravity by about 1per cent.

By using enormous masses whose composition can be worked out precisely, he believes it should be possible to amplify the anti-gravity effect.

The university is setting up sensitive gravity-measuring instruments around the vast dry docks in Portsmouth, Southampton, Belfast and Brest in France.

The change in the gravitational field caused when thousands of tonnes of water pour through the sluices will be measured down to one thousand-millionth of the strength of the Earth's gravitational field.

If the anti-gravity force exists, the increase in gravity caused by the weight of water will be less than that calculated using conventional theory.

Practical uses of the anti-gravitational force are unlikely, he says, because of its weakness and limited range. But it would subtly alter the outcome of the famous seventeenth century experiment in which the Italian scientist Galileo dropped two objects made of different materials off the leaning tower of Pisa. In spite of their different weights, the two hit the ground at the same time.

If the anti-gravity force exists, the objects would hit the ground at slightly different times.

Professor Michael Green, of Queen Mary College, an authority on the theory of the fundamental forces of nature, said: "I am very sceptical about these claims."

BBC newsreader in 'state of panic'

Miss Jan Leeming, the former television newsreader, was squirted with ammonia at the BBC and robbed by three intruders, a court was told yesterday.

They snatched her handbag while she was temporarily blinded and stole £23, Knightsbridge Crown Court, west London, was told in a written statement.

The attack, in January this year, happened when Miss Leeming, aged 45, was on her way to read the 10pm Sunday news.

Carrying a briefcase, coat, personal files and shoulder bag, she walked towards the adjoining room which housed the children's programme, *John Craven's Newsround.*

She told police: "As I pulled back the door to open it I saw three figures about three to four feet from me. I said, 'Excuse me, what are you doing?'.

"The one closest turned towards me and at the same time lunged at me and squirted or sprayed something in my face.

"I fell away clutching my face and then I felt my bag being snatched from my shoulder.

"I was in a state of panic. I went screaming to the newsroom."

A medical report read to the court said the liquid gas had entered her right eye and mouth, numbing her lip and the tip of her tongue.

Mr Conrad Mathurin, aged 20, from Shepherds Bush, west London denies aggravated burglary and burglary at the Television Centre.

The hearing continues.

Cricketer killed by bolt of lightning

A cricketer was killed by a lightning bolt which threw an entire team to the ground, an inquest was told yesterday

Mr Martin Whittaker, aged 27, was fielding during a match in west London in August when he received a direct hit on the head by the single lightning strike.

The bolt shredded his clothing, scattering it over a 40ft area and punched a fist-sized hole in his cricket cap, the inquest, at Hammersmith Coroner's Court, west London, was told.

Mr Richard Wildman, a friend and team mate in the "Economicals" side, said in a statement that there had been a little light rain during the game, but no sign of a lightning storm.

He said he was 30 yards from Mr Whittaker, who was fielding at midwicket in a match against the Old Isleworthians at the Wood Lane grounds, Isleworth, on August 22.

"I heard an incredibly loud bang, and a flash. The next thing I knew was that I was on the ground.

"I looked around and saw that all the other players had been thrown to the ground. Four didn't get up: the bowler, batsman, wicket keeper and Martin.

"I saw the bowler was moving and moaning. I went to Martin and saw his clothing was in shreds."

Players tried to resuscitate Mr Whittaker, of Northolt, west London, but he was dead when an ambulance arrived.

Dr John Burton, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

The going rate

Ratepayers in Daventry, Northamptonshire, will never pay rates again under a district council plan to sell building land for £45 million and finance services on the interest.

Arts meeting

Sir Claus Moser, recently retired chairman of the Royal Opera House, is to head a four-day symposium in Glasgow next October on the role of the arts in urban planning, staged by the British American Arts Association.

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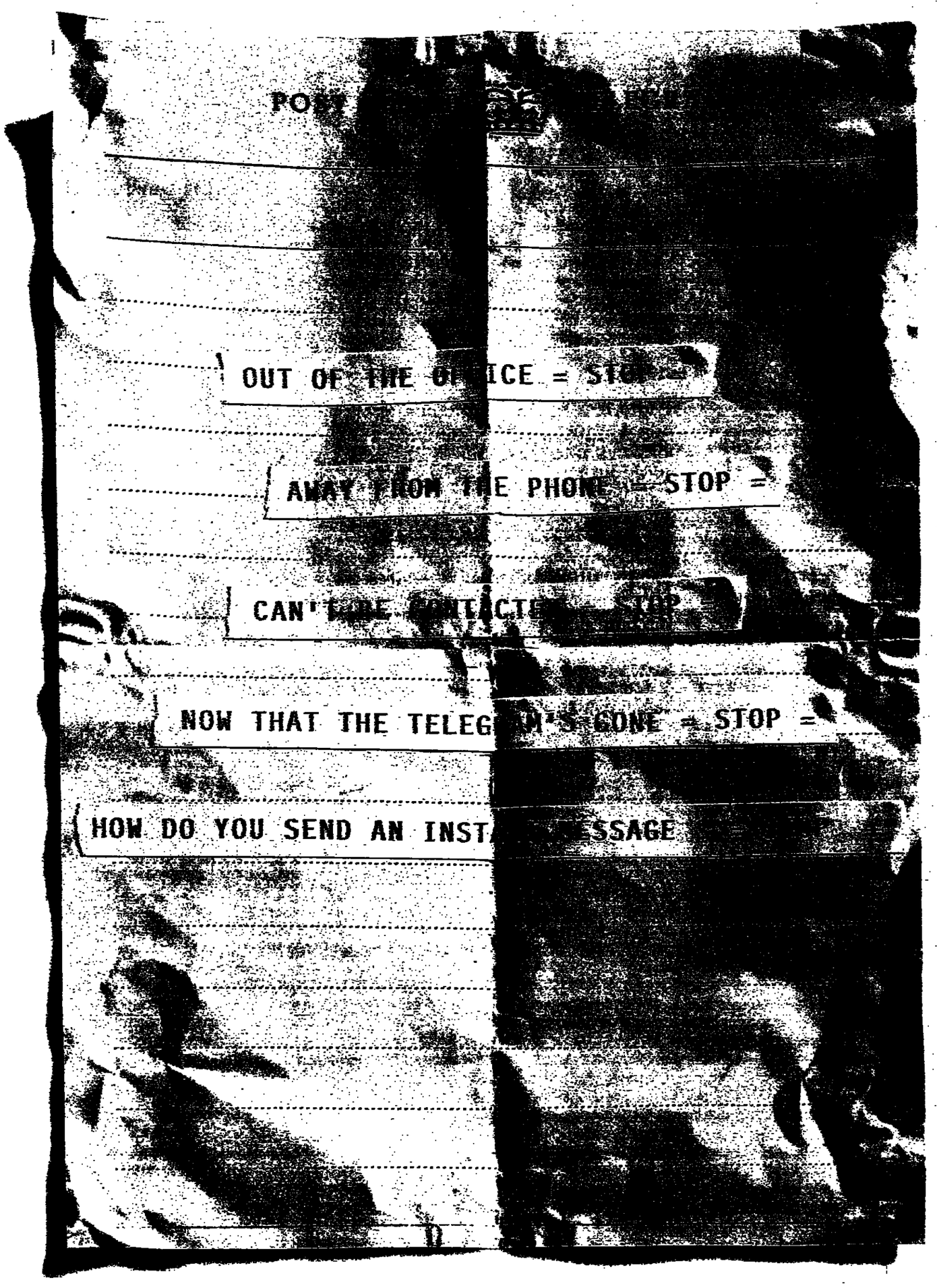

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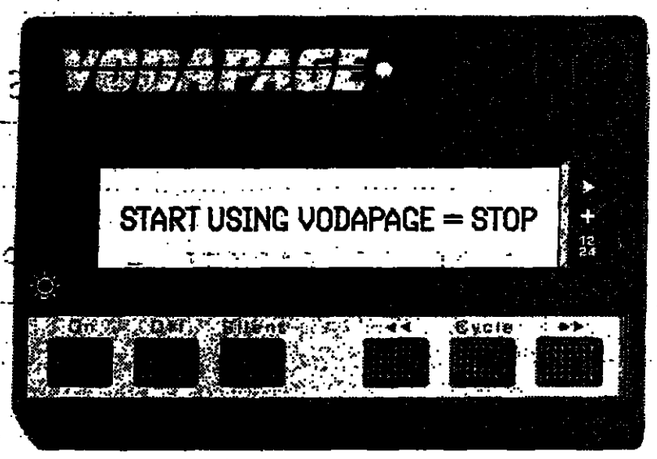

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Recruit tells how he was burnt in army initiation ceremony

A new recruit to the King's Own Scottish Borderers was sexually abused, burnt, beaten and forced to crawl naked through the snow in an initiation ceremony at Colchester army barracks, a court martial was told yesterday.

Private James Guthrie, aged 20, said he was burnt on the testicles by a makeshift "flamethrower" and dropped out of a barrack room window 20ft to the ground, wrapped in nothing but a mattress cover.

The torture was part of a series of initiation ceremonies which appeared to be endemic in the First Battalion of the regiment, Major David Howell, for the prosecution, told *the court martial in Verden,* West Germany.

Private Guthrie, who joined the First Battalion at the start of this year, said he was taken from his bed and put through *a painful and degrading series* of punishments as part of his initiation into the ranks.

Before the court are four fellow privates from the First Battalion: Philip Smith, *David Gardner and William* Reilly, all aged 19, and Barry Ferguson, aged 20.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of indecent assault and grievous bodily harm.

Private Ferguson has pleaded guilty to one of two separate charges of indecent assault against Private *Guthrie.*

Major Howell told the court: "This case is set against the background of so-called initiation ceremonies. These appear to have been endemic in the First Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, and most initiations involved people being stripped naked and having a cold bath".

However, Private Guthrie's initiation went much further.

Private Guthrie said that, after an evening drinking in a pub in Colchester, where the First Battalion was based until March this year, he went back to his room at barracks to sleep. Later, he was woken by Private Gardner and Private Smith.

"They put a motorcycle helmet on my head. I was told to mark time beside my bed. I didn't do it fast enough and so I was hit on the head."

He said he was marched to another room naked and ordered to stand beside a table. A group of privates from Company A were in the room, including the four accused.

He was hit again, his private parts were interfered with and burnt with flames produced with aerosol can and cigarette lighter, and he was indecently assaulted with a broom handle, *he said.*

Private Guthrie said indecent photographs were taken of him, and then he was forced to climb into a mattress cover and dropped on the floor.

"I was dragged to my own room, lifted on to the window-sill, and I was then dropped out. It's about 15 or 20ft from the ground", *he said.*

The initiation continued with him being ordered to march at the double across the ground, and then to crawl back, about 50 yards, through the snow.

Major Howell said the ceremony ended only when an officer arrived on the scene.

While the officer was on his way to break up the incident, it is alleged that Private Gardner punched Private Guthrie in the mouth, telling him: "Don't take this personal, but I hate your guts."

The charges come after an investigation by the Army's Special Investigation Branch into bullying and brutality. The case is expected to last up to two weeks.

Hospital for Sick Children facing bleak future

Drive for £30m is launched by Prince

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The future of one of Britain's greatest medical institutions, the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, central London, is in jeopardy because of outdated facilities, the Prince of Wales said yesterday.

Speaking at the launch of a £30 million fund-raising campaign to develop new facilities *at the hospital, the Prince said* it offered a symbol of hope to both children and parents.

"Yet, in spite of its unique value to society, its whole future is now in jeopardy because of its outdated and inadequate building and facilities."

Speaking at his home at Highgrove, Gloucestershire, the Prince's message was transmitted to an audience of parents, children and journalists at the hospital by satellite.

He said he and the Princess of Wales had visited the *hospital earlier this year.*

"It would be an enormous tragedy if it were not possible to improve the working facilities", he said.

The hospital, which was opened in 1852 with 10 beds, looked after 9,000 children last year, said Professor Martin Barratt, consultant renal physician.

He said the building's physical limitations, leading to cramped wards and corridors, meant that the hospital would not be able to keep up with high technology advancements which demanded extra space.

"Great Ormond Street will no longer be at the forefront of child care unless we are able to go ahead with the developments", Professor Barratt said.

Among the priorities for redevelopment work are the *replacement of the leukaemia* and cancer ward for children and a new infectious diseases unit which will include a centre for the study and care of children born with Aids.

***Work on the new facilities,* which will be contained in a five-storey building, is due to start next year and be completed by the end of 1993.**

The capital costs are expected to be £50 million, of which half will be met by the Government. The £30-million public appeal is the biggest *fund-raising exercise* in the hospital's history.

Lord Prior, the chairman of the appeal, said that £9.5 million had already been raised.

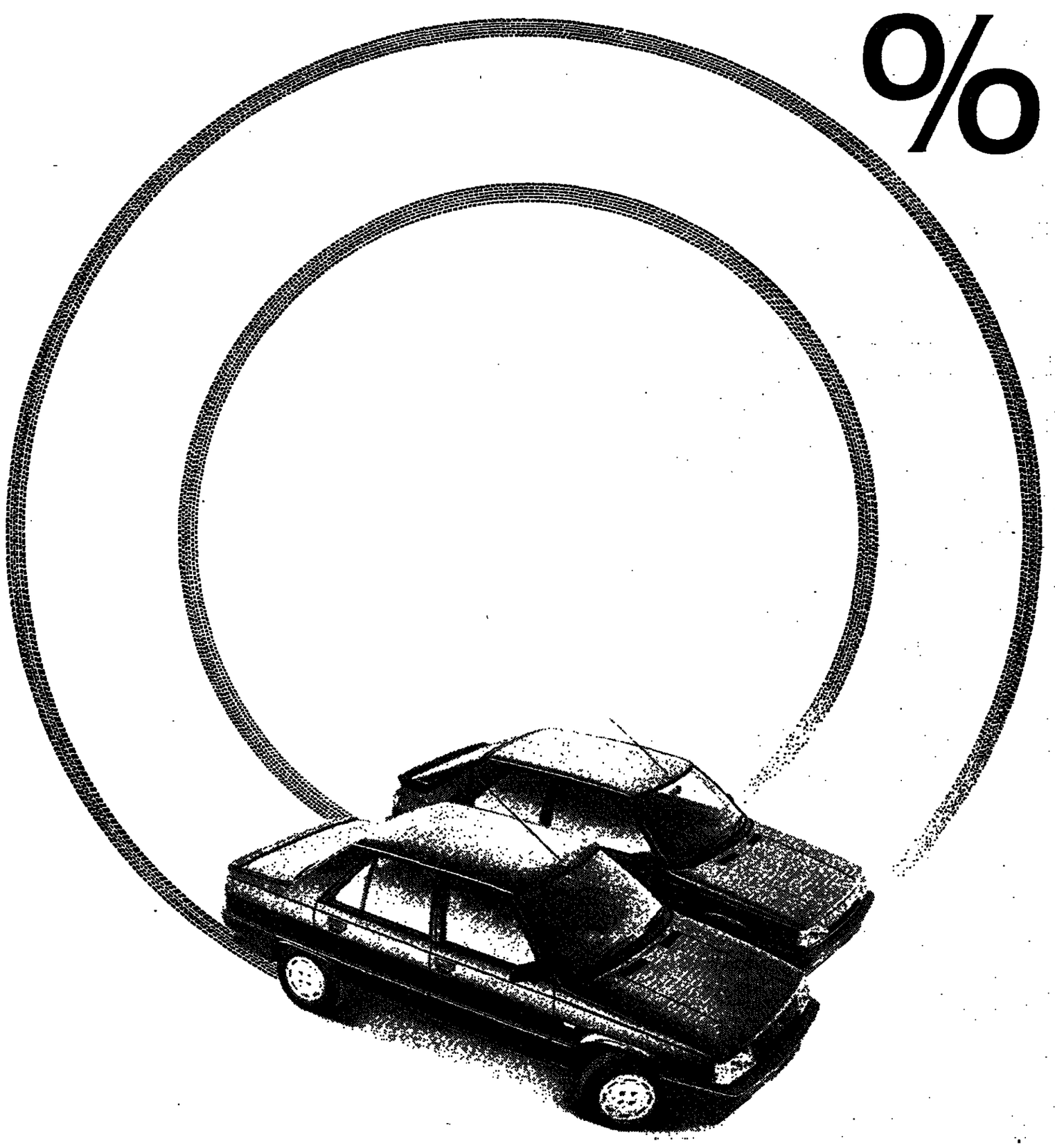
Apart from in-patients, 60,000 children a year from all over Britain attend the hospital because of the specialist knowledge of its doctors.

Stephen Spielberg, the Hollywood film-maker, had donated $1 million (£595,200) to the campaign, Lord Prior said, and the Variety Club had pledged £3 million.

Donations to: *The Wishing Well appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Hospital, 49 Great Ormond Street, London WC1.*

● Heavy rain put a damper on Prince Charles's solo visit to South Wales yesterday. Plans to fly him by helicopter to the 25th anniversary celebrations of Atlantic College in South Glamorgan were cancelled.

A previous patient at the hospital, Dorothy Phipps, aged 72, with nurse Inga Vance (Photograph: Alan Weller).



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Cleveland abuse inquiry

Police doctor felt he was 'powerless'

By Ian Smith

Dr Marietta Higgs, the consultant paediatrician at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy, tried to exclude a senior police surgeon from her *clinical* examinations, the judicial inquiry into the affair was told yesterday.

There was heated confrontation between Dr Higgs and Dr Alistair Irvine at a special meeting called to discuss their differences of opinion over the diagnosis of anal abuse.

From the outset, Dr Irvine told the inquiry, Dr Higgs indicated the subject was not open to discussion and she considered his views wrong. Repeatedly, she emphasized *that she had uncovered a* massive problem of sexual abuse in Cleveland that had been missed by everyone else.

"It became clear that no role was seen for the police surgeon in the examination of child victims of sexual abuse and that they (Dr Higgs and her social worker aide) wanted to exclude the police surgeon from examinations", Dr Irvine said.

"The implication was that as I was the one dissenting voice, they would get rid of me and thereby be able to con*tinue to wage their war against* the abuse they believed to be in existence unopposed."

As tempers rose, Dr Irvine told Dr Higgs that he considered her diagnosis, based on anal dilation alone, verged on incompetence. The meeting ended abruptly, with neither side willing to accept compromise.

Dr Irvine told how he first met Dr Higgs in February this year, when called to examine a child suspected of being abused. At a later stage, after the child's grandfather had *been arrested and charged on* the evidence of Dr Higgs, Dr Irvine was asked to examine the child on behalf of the police.

Permission was withheld by Dr Higgs and when her diagnosis was questioned, she refused to listen to the senior police surgeon.

During the next few weeks, he became aware of murmurings among police officers, who believed cases were not being reported or social service reports were being delayed.

Though greatly concerned at what he saw as a worsening situation, Dr Irvine said he was powerless to intervene. He felt he had exhausted all sensible channels. Neither Dr Higgs, nor Mrs Susan Richardson, the Cleveland Social Services child abuse consultant, seemed willing to listen to any view but their own. Throughout June, police officers told him of other suspected child abuse cases where permission for examination by a police surgeon had been refused.

Once mounting public disquiet resulted in the Northern Regional Health Authority setting up an independent panel of paediatricians to examine children, Dr Irvine was asked to carry out 10 joint examinations.

Eight showed no signs of abuse and two displayed injuries not consistent with the diagnosis of recent sexual abuse, but explained by other known facts in the case.

"There have, in my opinion, been a considerable number of diagnostic mistakes made in Cleveland", he said.

"It is a situation which has no doubt caused a great deal of misery and one which I very much regret."

The inquiry was adjiurned *until today.*

Pupils on 10 pints each week

One in 24 children aged 15 are drinking 10 pints of beer a week or more and only one in 10 never touches alcohol, according to a government report.

Dr Philip Bean of Nottingham University has drawn up the report for the Home Office after a survey of 725 Nottingham children.

It shows one in 24 drink the equivalent of more than 10 pints a week, the average drunk is three pints and only 10 per cent never touch alcohol.

Dr Bean said yesterday: "The figures are worrying because the heaviest drinkers will go on to have serious medical problems later on in life."

Mr Ian McCafferty, director of health policy and training in Nottinghamshire, is demanding an increase in the price of drink and a government clampdown on public houses and off-licences serving under-age drinkers.

Mr David Levell, director of the Alcohol Problems Advisory Service in Nottingham, said: "The figures show that alcohol consumption among young people is going up and the age at which people start to drink is getting younger. They are laying down drink patterns which will become problematic later on."

Servicing cost soars in London

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Car servicing costs in London rose 30 per cent in the last 12 months and are now double those in Devon, East Anglia and the North-east.

The average labour cost at garages servicing popular British models is more than £21 an hour in London, less than £17 in the West Midlands and *about £15 in Strathclyde.*

According to a survey by the Herondrive leasing organization, some Austin Rover, Ford and Vauxhall dealers in London charge £25 an hour for servicing, yet the cheapest Ford garages charge only £13.50 an hour in the capital.

Among luxury cars, BMW charges the most at £23.55 an *hour on average across the* country.

● Because of the financial crisis, sales of new cars in Britain are set to drop by 200,000 in 1988 from the record figure of 1.955 million forecast this year.

A market of 1.75 million cars in 1988 seems realistic, according to Professor Garel Rhys, economics adviser to the Commons select committee on trade and industry and Britain's leading economics expert on the motor industry.

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WORLD SUMMARY

US steps up Iran arms ban drive

Washington — After announcing an embargo on all US imports from Iran, the Reagan Administration is stepping up pressure for a United Nations arms embargo on Tehran if it refuses to accept a ceasefire in its war with Iraq (Christopher Thomas writes). President Reagan announced the trade embargo on Monday, together with a list of 14 "militarily useful" items that cannot be exported to Iran.

While Iraq has agreed to abide by the ceasefire if Iran does, Tehran insists that the UN simultaneously appoint a commission to determine who started the war. State Department officials said that Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, will complete his latest diplomatic round by the end of this month. The US wants the UN to impose an arms embargo if those efforts fail.

● **THE HAGUE:** European Foreign Ministers meeting at the Western European Union yesterday issued a warning that if the current peace mission in the Gulf war by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar did not succeed "within the next few days", the Security Council would be asked to take "further measures" against Iran and Iraq, including an arms embago.

Appeal on hostages

Beirut — Mr David Jacobsen, one of the American hostages whose release last year was apparently obtained after the delivery of American weapons to Iran, yesterday told the group still holding two of his compatriots that they should not expect any compromise from the United States (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

The message was contained in a letter to the newspaper *an-Nahar*, addressed to "Hajj", whom Mr Jacobsen has said is a leader of the Islamic Jihad Shia Muslim group demanding US pressure on Kuwait to obtain the release of 17 Arabs imprisoned there.

Mr Jacobsen appealed for the immediate release of the hostages.

Poll blow for Arabs

Jerusalem — More than 40 per cent of Israeli teenagers believe that the rights of Arabs and of students in rabbinical seminaries should be reduced because neither group serves in the Army, according to an opinion poll (A Correspondent writes).

Forty-two per cent of the 612 people polled, aged 15 to 18, said that they opposed equal voting rights and free speech for Arabs. Seventeen per cent of Israelis are Arabs, and more than a million others live in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and are not citizens.

The groups inspiring least confidence were journalists, businessmen and politicians. Most confidence was expressed in the defence forces, the law courts and doctors.

Boy 'sold' for cocaine

Chicago (AP) — Authorities are working to deny custody to a pregnant drug addict of her 22-month-old son Anthony, left, after she identified him as the child she swapped for £30 of cocaine.

Police, not realizing that Anthony has been in foster care since he was found abandoned in June, had been looking for him since they arrested Ms Lou Ann Powell, aged 26, on an outstanding prostitution warrant in July.

Refusenik arrives

Jerusalem — Mr Vladimir Slepak, who waited 17 years for a Soviet exit visa, longer than any other Jewish "refusenik", arrived in Israel on Monday night (A Correspondent writes).

He said his departure did not reflect a change in Soviet policy. "We must not forget that the struggle is not yet over."

Mr Slepak was one of the founders of the movement for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

Air drugs gang held

Lusaka (AP) — Police have broken up a drug-smuggling ring that paid Zambia Airways cabin crew to transport heroin and other drugs from India to England.

Mr Paul Malukutila, the Home Affairs Minister, said the ring was controlled from India, where dealers hired airline employees to carry drugs to Lusaka and then to London. The operation was broken after a joint investigations by British Customs officials and Zambian police anti-drug units.

Mourning Reagans

Washington — Mrs Nancy Reagan flew to Phoenix with President Reagan yesterday after the death on Monday of her mother (Christopher Thomas writes). Mrs Edith Davis, aged 91, a Broadway actress in her youth, died at a nursing home of a stroke. Mr Reagan flew back to the White House last night and will rejoin his wife at the weekend.

Mrs Davis, who encouraged her daughter in an acting career, was known throughout the United States as "Lucky". Her daughter once said of her: "If I could be half the woman she is, I would be happy".

Political fallout from the stock market slide

Peking bolsters recovery in Hong Kong

By Michael Dynes

Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, last night told international businessmen and investors he was confident that the underlying strength of the British colony's economy would enable it to weather its present financial difficulties.

His speech, delivered at a banquet hosted by the chairman of the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council, was clearly buoyed by news of a partial recovery on the the Hang Seng index, Hong Kong's main share indicator, which registered its worst-ever decline on Monday after losing 33 per cent of its stock value.

The recovery has been largely attributed to a decision by the authorities in Peking to participate in a second rescue package, put together yesterday by the Hong Kong Government and local businessmen in an effort to bring back a semblance of normality to the colony's volatile stock market.

The intervention of the People's Republic is widely seen as an emphatic demonstration, if any were still needed, of Peking's determination to maintain the viability of Hong Kong as one of the world's leading financial centres in the run-up to 1997, when the colony reverts to Chinese jurisdiction as a special administrative region.

But China's interest in Hong Kong goes much further than merely adhering to the provisions of the 1984 Sino-British accord, which requires both signatories to maintain Hong Kong's economic viability up to, and for 50 years after, the transition period. In addition to the benefits that Peking anticipates by way of increased trade and investment from the West, China's acceptance of Hong Kong's status as a bridgehead between the free market and a centrally planned economy also has serious implications for the advocates of reform within the Chinese leadership.

The opponents of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader in the Chinese Communist Party, who are long renowned for their obsession with order and stability, can be expected to exploit the events of the past week in an effort to demonstrate the dangers of too close a relationship with capitalism.

At the very least, Mr Zhao Ziyang, who is expected to be confirmed as the new party chief after its 13th congress, which started in Peking this week, and who is also a leading advocate of increased economic contacts with the West, will be under greater pressure to convince sceptics within the party that Hong Kong's recent turbulence is not a taste of what is to be expected when China begins experimenting with its own stock markets in the near future.

Peking is now so concerned about the state of the colony that it has asked Mr Xu Jaitun, head of the New China News Agency, Peking's *de facto* representative in Hong Kong, to stay behind in order to keep it informed on developments rather than attending the congress.

Such anxiety about Hong Kong's financial stability are by no means new. Even the most ardent advocates of economic reform are known to harbour some reservations about Hong Kong's classic *laissez faire* approach.

Traders on the Hong Kong stock exchange gathering to check the Hang Seng index, the main market indicator, yesterday. It reached 2,395.72 by the close after dropping below 2,000.

How world is weathering the financial storm

France

The Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, has confirmed that the Government's privatization programme would go ahead as planned (Susan MacDonald writes from Paris).

However, the Finance Minister, M Edouard Balladur, has already announced a postponement of the privatization of Matra. But the corporation, with its involvement in arms and military supplies, is considered a difficult state-owned industry to privatize anyway, and its postponement will give the Government a chance to consider it further.

M Lionel Jospin, for the opposition Socialist Party, said in reply that it was irresponsible to pursue privatization for purely political or ideological reasons.

South Africa

The flight of capital from South Africa during the past two years has had more serious implications for the country's economy than the shake-out on the stock exchange (Ray Kennedy writes from Johannesburg).

This view has been expressed by Dr Gerhard du Kock, Governor of the Reserve Bank. Since last week more than 68 billion rands (£21 billion) have been wiped off share values.

But President Botha pointed out that although the country's economy was closely linked to those of its main trading partners there were features of the domestic scene which put South Africa in an altogether different position.

The main one is gold's predominant role and the fact that only about half-a-dozen institutions, such as the giant Anglo American Corporation and the main insurance houses, dominate the local stock market. They could be back as buyers before the end of the week.

Australia

The market shock waves that have now wiped off almost 40 per cent from Australian share values hit hardest while the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, was in North America and Europe, and he returned with few comforting words (Keith Dalton writes from Sydney).

But later, speaking to reporters, he echoed the opinion of the Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, who predicted no radical economic policy reversals unless international commodity prices fell or Australia faced a flight of capital.

For the moment, the Government of Mr Hawke is sitting out the share market slide, suffering little public criticism and dismissing opposition calls for a mini-budget to re-set economic policies in the wake of the market crash.

A key test for Mr Hawke is his handling this week of trade union demands for a 1.5 per cent national wage rise, promised under a wage restraint policy first implemented four years ago.

Union leaders agreed to an unprecedented one-week delay in negotiations after last week's market crash. While the Government has reaffirmed support for the national wage increase, the Hawke Government is likely to argue strenuously for a further delay.

Bahrain

The collapse appears likely to have an immediate but temporary impact on foreign investments by Gulf Arab states and other investors, but relatively little impact on the regional exchanges themselves (Our Correspondent writes from Bahrain).

Investment analysts say that Kuwait's market, the largest in the Gulf, like others in the region is insulated from international market pressures. In Kuwait's case, the Government itself holds at least 50 per cent of the shares traded on the exchange.

Overall, some bankers say, the drop in share prices on international markets may help reduce capital flight, a growing problem in the Gulf because of the Iran-Iraq war.

But Arab investors are more likely to wait out the market turmoil than go looking for bargains after the record falls, analysts said.

Japan

Political reaction to the global market crashes has been a muted combination of brave words and little direct action (A Correspondent writes from Tokyo).

It is far too early to tell if the "wait and see" attitude of the Government has been successful, although no important policy changes are forecast in the short term.

The fact that the country's leadership is in a transition period between the end of the Nakasone adminstration and the advent of the first Cabinet of the Prime Minister-designate, Mr Noboru Takeshita, may also account for the lack of bold political responses from Tokyo.

W Germany

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, said that the Government would stick to its privatization programme and would put the rest of its stake in the Volkswagen concern on the market in the near-future (John England writes from Bonn).

Herr Friedhelm Ost, the chief government spokesman, for his part said that Bonn was optimistic about money and capital markets. But the present risks could be mastered only by close international co-operation of the kind that Herr Stoltenberg and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had agreed upon.

Unofficially, the West Germans see Mr Baker as the villain of the piece because of his attack on West Germany's policy on interest rates and his threat to let the dollar go into a free fall.

But Herr Friedrich Christians, the president of the Deutsche Bank, not only blamed Mr Baker for the crash, but also said that he did not exclude the possibility that Mr Baker had consciously induced it so that share prices could rise again in the US presidential election year.

Soviet Union

A key economic adviser to the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, ruled out the creation of a stock exchange in the Soviet Union "in the near future", saying that it could "unbalance" the economy (A Correspondent writes from Moscow).

The economist, Mr Abel Aganbegyan, told a news conference here that, while "we are not against this (the stock market), we can't do everything at once", in terms of radically reforming the sluggish and centrally-planned Soviet economy.

He noted that price reforms were already in the pipeline as the economy decentralizes to a limited extent, with business and factories starting to function on a profit-and-loss basis.

"If we begin to create a stock market, this could unbalance our economic development," he said. "Therefore we will not set up the market of capital in the near-future."

Brazil

Black Monday caught this country in the middle of delicate negotiations with foreign creditors and both sides want an honourable exit from an eight-month debt moratorium (Mac Margolis writes from Rio de Janeiro).

The stalemate has slowed vital flows of capital to Brazil's sputtering economy

Now there are contrary readings on the fallout from the stock crash. Some believe that the prospect of world recession will help the rich nations pressure the intransigent Brazilians into falling into line in its repayments.

Senator Severo Gomes, a senior member of the ruling Brazilian Democratic Movement, declared that Brazil should not accede hastily to any emergency schemes, such as the Reagan Administration's recent appeal for it to make a symbolic "goodwill" debt repayment.

Israel

There are worries that American aid of $3 billion a year will be reduced, and a warning to this effect has already come from the American Embassy (A Correspondent writes from Jerusalem).

The Defence Ministry has said that any reduction in American military aid will have to be made up from the budgets of other ministries, so that Israel's security will not suffer. This would entail drastic cuts in social services and education, already functioning on minimal budgets.

Another source of funding for Israel's extensive educational and social systems is also likely to be hit — hundreds of millions of dollars donated each year by world Jewry.

Central America peace agreement

Managua ready to talk with Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The left-wing Sandinista Government of Nicaragua is expected soon to agree to proximity talks with the US-backed Contras, representing a sharp reversal of its outright refusal to deal with the rebels.

The move is in response to intense pressure from Latin American countries, which had feared that Nicaragua's refusal to negotiate would kill off the Central America peace agreement that is due to take effect on November 7.

Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, the country's Roman Catholic Primate and the most respected opposition figure, is likely to be the go-between. He is understood to have told the Sandinistas that the Contras want to negotiate a complete ceasefire and an across-the-board amnesty.

He has maintained frequent contacts with the rebels, and last weekend met them in New York to discuss the possibility of being an intermediary for talks with the Nicaraguan Government.

Congressional sources said Mr Jim Wright, Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, will visit Central America next month. He is closely involved in shaping the Democrats' policy for winding up the rebel army and providing substantial US funds to help resettle individual Contras.

The vast majority of the rebels would opt to settle in the United States, but senior officials have made clear that such an idea would meet with fierce resistance.

The Democratic leadership in Congress is convinced that it now has the votes in the Senate — it certainly has them in the House of Representatives — to support a programme of resettlement and wind down US involvement with the rebel force.

Democratic Party analysts say the vote would be close in the Senate, but at least two key Southern Democrats have recently indicated support for dismantling the Contras.

The Democratic leadership will probably not press the question to a vote until January at the earliest, and even then they may propose more "humanitarian" aid to keep the Contras functioning until the picture becomes clearer.

Rebels ask Britain to help ensure aid

By Henry Stanhope

Anti-communist guerrillas fighting the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua could finish their campaign by the end of the year if they are given the means to do so, the Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, said in London yesterday.

Señor Calero, who is in Britain as a guest of the Conservative pressure group, the Committee for a Free Britain, said that there were signs of war weariness among government forces and also in the Soviet Union, their principal source of supply.

Now he would like Britain to use its influence in the United States to obtain congressional approval for the multi-million-dollar aid package drawn up by President Reagan. Not only did Britain, as Washington's oldest and closest ally, have it within its power to influence events, but it was in the country's interest to do so, he said.

"For instance, it would be a severe blow to Britain if Mexico was taken over by the communists. And the communists don't just want Central America. They want Mexico to the north and Venezuela to the south — two countries where there is oil," he told *The Times*.

"And Mexico is not immune to social upheaval. The communists want Pacific ports and they need to consolidate their hold on the Caribbean. They already have Cuba, although they have now lost Grenada."

Señor Calero confirmed that the Contras supported the peace plan initiated by President Arias of Costa Rica — although it was flawed by the absence of any binding force. But President Ortega of Nicaragua had refused to negotiate with the Contras and had threatened to jail leaders like himself if they set foot in the capital, Managua.

Señor Calero: anxious for aid to clinch rebel victory.

Commenting on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to President Arias, he said that such prizes should be given for achievement, not just for trying.

Meanwhile, Señor Ortega had introduced only cosmetic reforms in response to the peace proposals, he said.

He acknowledged that the Sandinista Government would not be brought down by military action alone. But this was a very important factor, because it helped to rally the people in Nicaragua.

Señor Calero is in Britain for a week and will meet Foreign Office officials and members of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee.

MPs back accord on Quebec

From John Best
Ottawa

The Canadian House of Commons has overwhelmingly endorsed a federal-provincial accord aimed at ending Quebec's constitutional isolation from the rest of Canada.

However, deep divisions remain over the price to be paid for reconciliation with the predominantly French-speaking province.

The Commons voted 242-16 in favour of a resolution to approve the Meech Lake accord, named after the Federal Government's retreat north of Ottawa where the Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney, and the 10 provincial premiers achieved the reconciliation five months ago.

The relatively light vote against the resolution, nevertheless, does not begin to measure the true extent of the troubles still facing the accord.

The opposing MPs come from all three parties, the ruling Conservatives, the Liberals and the left-wing New Democratic Party.

The accord is designed to heal the split in the Confederation that occurred when Quebec refused to accept the 1982 federal-provincial agreement which repatriated Canada's Constitution from Westminster. Part of the price paid for bringing Quebec back into the fold is recognition of the province as a "distinct society" within Canada.

Launch of Titan boosts US faith in space programme

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The United States Air Force has successfully launched a Titan 34 D rocket carrying an intelligence satellite, bringing to an end the 18-month-old grounding of the nation's most powerful unmanned launch vehicle.

The launch, from Vandenberg air force base in California on Monday, has "tremendous significance for the nation's space programme," according to Mr Edward Aldridge, the Air Force Secretary.

"It allows us to resume launching critical national security payloads on a regular basis," he said. Not only did it restore the Air Force's ability to place large national security satellites in orbit but also reopened "all of our current expendable launch vehicle paths to space". The nation's fleet of expendable boosters — Scout, Atlas, Delta and Titan 34 D — are operational again.

The Pentagon did not disclose the type of satellite deployed on Monday, but it was reported to be a classified military payload "eye-in-the-sky" satellite, vital to monitoring world trouble spots and verifying that the Soviet Union is not cheating on arms control agreements.

Space experts speculated that it was a KH 11 strategic reconnaissance satellite, weighing about 30,000lb, the size of a school bus, and costing about $600 million (£360 million).

The Pentagon at present has only one KH 11 satellite operating; its estimated three-year life ends next year.

The launch of the $65 million (£39 million) Titan, delayed several times in recent weeks, apparently ends a period in which the main American launch systems have been grounded following spectacular launch failures, including the explosion of the Challenger shuttle immediately after blast-off on January 28 last year. This lengthy grounding had left the country dependent for various national security functions on military satellites already in orbit, including some old ones.

Recent Titan launches ended in failure, one in late 1985 because of a leak which shut down an engine, and the second in April, 1986. The second blew up six seconds after launch.

Nasa has had no manned space flights since the Challenger disaster. The next shuttle flight is planned for June 2 next year.

3,000 Tamils arrested in Madras

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi

More than 3,000 Tamil demonstrators from south India were arrested in Madras yesterday as they picketed local offices of the central Government to protest at "atrocities" against Tamils by the Indian peacekeeping force in Sri Lanka.

Members of the Dravida Munetra Kazhagam, an opposition party in Tamil Nadu, stopped trains entering their state this week but failed to prevent Indian Airlines planes from flying out of Madras, the state capital, when police intervened.

The DMK says it expresses the majority view among Tamils in India, who are not against Delhi's peace accord with the Sri Lanka Government but are bitter at Tamil deaths caused by Indian soldiers on the island.

Party sources in Madras say that the Indian Government is not taking into account the feelings of Tamils in India.

● **COLOMBO:** A brief spasm of fierce fighting, in which the Indian forces had three men killed and 14 wounded, and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were said to have suffered 20 deaths, marked the final link-up of the various Indian columns in the Sri Lankan town of Jaffna (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The move, which finally brought the column from the Kankesanthurai-Chunnakam direction into town, was resisted for two hours by the Tigers, who used machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades to slow the Indian advance, an Indian official said here.

Russians outbid by China with wider choice in party poll

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

China has trumped the Soviet Union in the "democratization" stakes by announcing that there will be multi-candidate elections for the Central Committee — the body that chooses the Communist Party Politburo.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the 187-member Praesidium on the third day of the Chinese Communist Party Congress in Peking. The meeting, which was chaired by the party's acting General Secretary, Mr Zhao Ziyang, also agreed that the elections would be by secret ballot.

While the principle of multi-candidature is new for the Chinese Communist Party, it has been practised at local government level for several years. The party's version will be strictly limited. Nominations for the Central Committee will exceed places by 5 per cent, while the figure for alternate (non-voting) members will be 12 per cent.

The Central Committee elections are important because there is believed to be disagreement within the leadership about the composition of the new Politburo and about the retirement of elderly leaders.

Earlier in the day, attention had been diverted from congress proceedings by the arrival of the first Taiwanese journalist to report on a Chinese party congress.

When Mr Chieh-hsing Pi, deputy editor of Taiwan's *Global Magazine*, walked into the regular morning press conference 10 minutes late, he was mobbed by Chinese cameraman and television reporters. The noise interrupted the opening statement by a high-ranking party official (on China's science and technology programme) and the large platform party exchanged embarrassed glances.

Mr Pi, however, was warmly greeted when he stood to ask his first question — about the prospects for direct scientific co-operation between China and Taiwan. He was later allowed to ask two more questions, an honour not accorded to other correspondents.

The presence of a Taiwanese journalist reporting on the congress is a coup for the Chinese. Last month two Taiwanese journalists were feted in Peking after travelling to China independently, against the orders of their Government, and probably facing punishment. Now that Taiwan is lifting its comprehensive ban on travel to China, Mr Pi has taken slightly less of a risk. His arrival during the congress, however, allows the Chinese to make considerable political capital out of it.

Taiwan and China have had no diplomatic relations since Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan in 1949 with his Nationalist Government. China has tried to build on its successful agreements to recover Hong Kong and Macao, and has held out the prospect of a similar "one country, two systems" arrangement for Taiwan. But Taiwan has resisted all Peking's blandishments.

Mr Pi's question answered (the Taiwan Government has refused all China's offers), the conference was given the Chinese leadership's first formal response to the US decision to freeze the further transfer of high technology to China. Madame Zhu Lilan, Deputy Minister at the State Science and Technology Commission, said that the decision was "totally unreasonable". She declined to say what effect it might have on China's research programmes.

Korea takes vital step on democratic road

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

Koo Chang Hoi, the fish seller, played a small part yesterday in changing the course of South Korea's political history.

In statistical terms his contribution was insignificant, but as part of the country's transition to full democracy it was essential.

With 25.6 million other voters, Mr Koo was called upon to endorse a draft Constitution giving them the right to elect their President freely for the first time in 16 years. It also strengthens the National Assembly and the judiciary and guarantees freedom of speech and other basic human rights.

Mr Koo pronounced himself a happy man after inkstamping a voting form to register his approval of the reforms. "For years we have been oppressed by one government after another. Now the soldiers have to leave politics. Now it is up to us, the people, to decide who runs the country."

His neighbours, who crowded into the polling station in Pongcheon-dong, a working-class district of Seoul, appeared to be unanimous in sharing his views.

For Mr Choi Ki Whan, an office cleaner, the new Constitution offered "softer laws and more rights for poor people". Mr Chang Tai Hee, who earns an average of 400,000 won (£300) a month driving a taxi 12 hours a day, saw it opening up new business opportunities. "Until now the Constitution was for rich people. The rules and regulations favoured their big corporations, now maybe there will be incentives for small businesses."

Judging by the attendance at the Pongcheon-dong polling station, the authorities' concern that many of the electorate might take a "yes" verdict for granted and not bother to vote, appeared unfounded. A steady stream of voters filed into the station

The only discordant note was struck by a mob of radical students opposed to the referendum, who hurled petrol bombs at riot police in a brief skirmish outside a cathedral in the capital.

Initial results are expected early today, and since approval is virtually a foregone conclusion plans are already advanced to promulgate the new Constitution on Friday.

The outcome of the next poll, to elect a successor to President Chun Doo Hwan in December, is less certain.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, the veteran dissident leader, is due to declare his candidacy today, thereby dividing the opposition Reunification Democratic Party which already has a contestant in its president, Mr Kim Young Sam. To make the split formal, Mr Kim Dae Jung intends to launch his own party on Monday.

On paper, this should favour Mr Roh Tae Woo, the former army general who is standing for the ruling Democratic Justice Party. However, he is being challenged from the right by Mr Kim Jong Pil, a Prime Minister under the late President Park Chung Hee, who plans to resurrect his Democratic Republican Party

A Seoul student hurling a petrol bomb in clashes with the police that provided the only discordant note during the polling.

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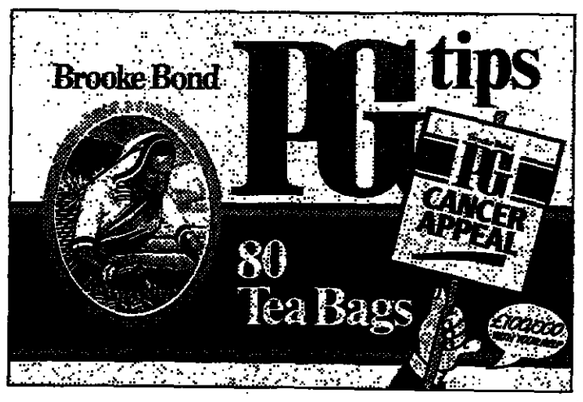

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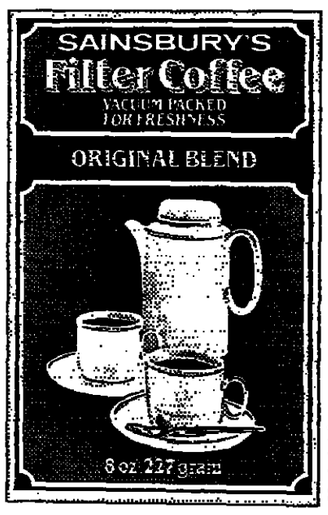

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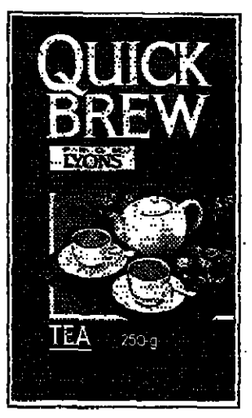

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Reporting the Afghan war

Two US newsmen killed in attack

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

Two American newsmen are reported to have been killed while travelling with members of the Mujahidin resistance inside Afghanistan in the worst incident of its kind since the Soviet intervention in December, 1979.

The camera crew were named as Lee Shapiro, aged 38, a freelance television cameraman who was married and lived in New York, and his assistant, Jim Lindalos, described as in his late twenties, who was working as a sound man.

According to Western diplomatic and resistance sources, they are believed to have been caught in a Soviet ambush in Paghman, north-west of Kabul, on October 11. The journalists had been in Afghanistan since May and were working on a television documentary about the Mujahidin for Mr Shapiro's New York-based company, Lee Shapiro Media.

A spokesman for the fundamentalist Hizb-i-Islami party, with whom the journalists were travelling, said yesterday: "We have heard that the two Americans, together with two Mujahids and their translator, were ambushed in Paghman. The two Mujahids and the Americans were killed and the interpreter is seriously wounded."

The spokesman added that Hizb-i-Islami were making efforts to contact commanders in the area in an attempt to find out what has happened to the bodies of the Americans, who were on their way back to Pakistan when they were killed.

The American Consul in Peshawar, Mr Michael Malinowski, has confirmed the deaths, but said he was "uncomfortable" with Hizb-i-Islami's version of events. At first he was told the journalists had been killed in a Soviet bombardment, but this was then changed to an ambush. He said that American consular officials here and in Kabul would continue to investigate the incident in an attempt to clarify the details.

Hizb-i-Islami, a radical and unpredictable group within the resistance led by Mr Gulbaden Hekmatyar, has been linked with several controversial incidents involving Westerners inside Afghanistan. Recently Hizb-i-Islami commanders were accused of kidnapping French doctors in Badakshan province, and last year a French aid worker, M Thierry Niquet, disappeared while travelling with a Hizb-i-Islami group in north Afghanistan.

Hizb-i-Islami claims that M Niquet was killed in an ambush, but French aid workers believe he may have been murdered.

The deaths of Mr Shapiro and Mr Lindalos bring to five the number of Western reporters killed since Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in 1979.

A Norwegian freelance cameraman, Staale Gundhur, was killed in a battle between resistance forces and Soviet troops near Farah in western Afghanistan in 1982; an Italian, Rafael Favero, died in Paktia in eastern Afghanistan in 1984 after being accidentally run over by a tank captured by the Mujahidin from the Russians; and an American journalist, Charles Thornton from Arizona, was killed in September, 1985, in a Soviet ambush in the southern province of Kandahar.

Manila doubts on role of America

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

The Philippines Congress is to investigate allegations that the American Embassy in Manila intervened against the Government during the coup attempt in August.

The announcement by leaders of both congressional houses comes during a visit by the US Under-Secretary of State, Mr Michael Armacost, who is trying to quash an increasing number of reports that hawkish elements in Washington are unhappy with President Aquino's Government.

The investigation will focus on Lieutenant-Colonel Victor Raphael, an assistant military attaché at the US Embassy.

In an affidavit published in newspapers here, a Philippine Army commander, Colonel Rene Dado, says that Colonel Raphael repeatedly tried, but failed, to persuade him and his men to call off an attack against rebel troops.

Manila newspapers have revealed that Colonel Raphael is a close friend of the coup leader, Colonel Gregorio Honason, and is the godfather to his daughter.

The US Ambassador, Mr Nicholas Platt, has defended Colonel Raphael, saying he was simply doing his job because military attachés are meant to keep track of their military counterparts in host countries.

The Government is trying to play down the controversy — particularly while Mr Armacost is in Manila. After a meeting with President Aquino yesterday morning, he said the problem had not even been discussed.

● TV office fire: Two Manila television stations went off the air last night after a fire, preceded by a loud explosion, broke out in a suburban broadcasting complex, fire officials said (Reuter reports).

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WEU sets own security goals

European allies try to allay US fears in fresh defence policy

From Richard Owen, The Hague

Britain and its six European partners in the revitalized Western European Union (WEU) yesterday signalled the beginning of a common European defence policy by issuing a declaration which calls for a "cohesive European defence identity", while containing repeated commitments to transatlantic solidarity designed to ease American anxieties.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and other foreign and defence ministers at the two-day meeting, emphasized the importance of Nato. But the WEU declaration — formally termed, somewhat inelegantly, the "Platform on European Security Interests" — launched Europe on the road to a common defence policy with specific reference to the European Economic Community's moves towards political and economic integration.

The impetus towards a common defence policy comes at a time of strengthening bilateral defence links. The latest round of Franco-German talks has recently finished; Paris has indicated that French nuclear missiles could be used to protect West Germany. There have also been recent moves towards Franco-British co-ordination in the nuclear field.

"We are convinced that the construction of an integrated Europe will remain incomplete as long as it does not include security and defence," the statement said. Sir Geoffrey referred to a "distinctive European contribution" in defence.

Diplomats said the word "platform" was intended to sound less grandiose than charter, and therefore less threatening to the United States. American suspicions of the WEU, a moribund body until its recent revival, have been strengthened by the leading role played in the grouping by France. France left the military structure of Nato in 1966, and has pursued a Gaullist policy based on mistrust of both superpowers. On the other hand, M André Giraud, the French Defence Minister, who attended The Hague meeting, recently distanced himself from Gaullism and endorsed the Nato doctrine of a nuclear "flexible response" to the Soviet threat. Some sources said that the new defence platform could be seen as a further step towards the reintegration of France into the Western alliance.

The members of the Western European Union are Belgium, Britain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and West Germany.

Significantly, the document contains specific references to the role of the British and French nuclear deterrents in European defence, as well as an indirect reference to British nuclear co-operation with Washington.

Britain and France, the ministers said, were "determined to preserve the credibility" of the British and French nuclear forces.

The statement commits WEU members to "a share of common defence in both conventional and nuclear fields". That phrase presents considerable obstacles to other European countries interested in joining the revived WEU, including Spain and Greece, both of which have anti-nuclear policies. Mr Hans van den Broek, the Foreign Minister of The Netherlands, who chaired the session, said the WEU — founded in 1955 — was not an exclusive club. But enlargement should not be allowed to jeopardize its cohesion.

Mr van den Broek said that there was no question of Western Europe standing apart from America and Nato. The aim was not to prepare for an American military disengagement, but rather to strengthen the commitment of US forces to Europe, which were irreplaceable. Sir Geoffrey Howe said that the most distinctive feature of the WEU platform was its assertion that European security was a "single arch with two pillars", one European and one American.

On the other hand the declaration referred to the need for arms control deals to "take into account specific European interests in an evolving situation", a clear sign of European irritation at being left out of superpower arms deals which affect Europe directly.

Main points of the charter

Edited extracts from the European security charter ("Platform on European Security Interests") adopted by the Western European Union.

On European Union:
We recall our commitment to build a European Union in accordance with the Single European Act, which we all signed as members of the European Community. We are convinced that the construction of an integrated Europe will remain incomplete as long as it does not include security and defence.

An important means to this end is the modified Brussels Treaty (1948) which, with its far-reaching obligations to collective defence, marked one of the early steps on the road to European unification.

We see the revitalization of the Western European Union as an important contribution to the broader process of European unification. We intend therefore to develop a more cohesive European defence identity.

On Nato and the Soviet threat:
We have not yet witnessed any lessening of the military build-up which the Soviet Union has sustained over so many years. The geostrategic situation of Western Europe makes it particularly vulnerable to the superior conventional, chemical and nuclear forces of the Warsaw Pact. This is the fundamental problem for European security.

Under these conditions, the security of the West European countries can only be ensured in close association with our North American allies. The security of the Alliance is indivisible. The partnership between the two sides of the Atlantic rests on the twin foundations of shared values and interests.

Just as the commitment of the North American democracies is vital to Europe's security, a free, independent and increasingly more united Europe is vital to the security of North America. Military security and a policy of détente are not contradictory but complementary.

On US forces and nuclear deterrence:
To be credible and effective, the strategy of deterrence and defence must continue to be based on an adequate means of appropriate nuclear and conventional forces, only the nuclear element of which can confront a potential aggressor with an unacceptable risk.

The substantial presence of US conventional and nuclear forces plays an irreplaceable part in the defence of Europe. They embody the American commitment to the defence of Europe and provide indispensable linkage with the US strategic deterrent. European forces also play an essential role: the overall credibility of Western strategy cannot be maintained without a major European contribution.

In the conventional field, the forces of WEU member states represent an essential part of those of the Alliance. As regards nuclear forces, the co-operative arrangements that certain member states maintain with the US are necessary for the security of Europe. The independent forces of France and the UK contribute to overall deterrence and security. The UK and France will continue to maintain independent nuclear forces, the credibility of which they are determined to preserve.

Arms control policy should, like defence policy, take into account the specific European security interests in an evolving situation. We recall the fundamental obligation of the Brussels Treaty to provide all military and other aid and assistance in our power in the event of armed attack on any one of us.

On mutual defence:
We shall: ensure that our determination to defend any member country at its borders is made clearly manifest by means of appropriate arrangements; improve our consultations and extend our co-ordination in defence and security matters; see to it that the level of each country's contribution to the common defence adequately reflects its capabilities; aim at a more effective use of existing resources, *inter alia* by expanding bilateral and regional military co-operation; and concert our policies on crises outside Europe in so far as they may affect our security interests.

Golden find by Australian

Mr Ray Hall showing off some of the gold nuggets he dug out of the ground at the back of his shed near Tennant Creek, Australia, about 625 miles south of Darwin. Mr Hall, who is a retired metalworker, had been "scratching away for years" with a pick and shovel when he struck a vein of almost pure gold (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Mr Hall, aged 62, said he believed he had stumbled on an area worked nearly a century ago by Chinese gold-diggers.

"One of these days you've got to find where it comes from and I've found it," he said. "I don't think anyone's ever seen gold that rich."

Mining officials said that a drum full of ore, which was brought in by Mr Hall last week, was valued at more than one million Australian dollars (£297,000).

Full-scale drilling operations were expected to begin as soon as the find had been evaluated, the mining officials added. The Northern Territory Mines and Energy Minister, Mr Barry Coutler, said that the vein of quartz was rich in gold and the find was likely to prove substantial.

"Anyone who can fill a 44-gallon drum with earth and have over a third of it full of gold in a few minutes is doing all right," the Mines and Energy Minister said.

"It is truly a marvellous story. He and his lady have been scratching away for years in that area and they just stumbled on it," he added. "He was digging out the back of his shed when he came across a whole reef of quartz.

"He filled the drum, left his wife in charge, and drove into town to ask our officials to look at what he had. They almost fell off their chairs — the drum was full of very large gold nuggets."

Soviet economists say bureaucrats threaten reforms

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Two senior Soviet economists, who think that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's restructuring policy has arrived at a crucial stage, yesterday discussed the main dangers facing the reforms.

At a wide-ranging news conference, the two economic advisers to Mr Gorbachov, Mr Abel Aganbegyan and Mrs Tatiana Zaslavskaya, admitted that the restructuring drive was running into difficulties because of bureaucratic inertia, and that people had staged work stoppages after their pay was cut because of new quality controls.

Mr Aganbegyan announced that the grain and cereal harvest for this year would be quite close to last year's total of 210 million tonnes. He backed down from a previous forecast that it would exceed the 1978 record of 237 million tonnes. The planned target for this year is 232 million tonnes.

Mr Aganbegyan attributed the result to rain during harvesting in the Urals, Siberia and Kazakhstan. Western experts here say that Mr Gorbachov could run into political difficulties if the harvest is less than last year's bumper crop, obtained largely through the use of intensive techniques. The official figures are expected to be announced soon.

Asked about resistance to the reforms, Mr Aganbegyan said that while he would not consider the possibility of the failure of *perestroika*, as the restructuring of the economy is known, attitudes of "wait and see" and what he called the forces of inertia threatened progress.

He singled out government officials who were paying lip service to *perestroika* but were continuing to work in the old way.

Mrs Zaslavskaya, who concentrates on social issues, said that the main danger for *perestroika* would be to lose the support of broad circles of the population.

Mr Aganbegyan attributed the labour disputes — two of which have been reported in the Soviet press — to the new state quality-control body, known as *Gospriemka*. Press reports have indicated that workers' salaries have been cut because of fines imposed by *Gospriemka* as a result of the production of sub-standard goods.

Third nuclear victim

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (AP) — A scrapyard worker aged 22 who handled radioactive Caesium 137 died yesterday, the third fatality in what officials have called the worst nuclear accident in the Western world.

Two other victims were buried on Monday in special lead coffins in Goiania, 850 miles north-west of Rio, where the accident occurred.

Envoy killed

Rabat, Morocco (AP) — Mr Carolus Lassila, Finland's Ambassador to Spain and Morocco, and his wife, Beritta, died in a flash flood while driving in the High Atlas mountains.

Leader held

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — Malaysian police arrested the leader of the main opposition party under a law allowing detention without trial.

Ban lifted

Suva (Reuter) — Fiji's military Government is to lift a ban on trade union activity.

Two sacked

Belgrade (Reuter) — The state prosecutor in Bosnia-Herzegovina and his deputy have been sacked for their role in a multi-million-dollar finance scandal.

Correction

The aircraft shown in the Special Report on Hong Kong on October 26 belonged to Thai International, not Cathay Pacific Airways as stated.

US expels alleged SS killer

From John England
Bonn

A German-born American citizen, alleged to have taken part in executions at a Nazi concentration camp where he was an SS guard, has been extradited to West Germany, although the West Germans have no charges against him.

Reinhard Kulle, aged 66, was accused by America of involvement in the killing of inmates at the Gross-Rosen camp in Silesia.

But Herr Alfred Streim, director of the Nazi War Crimes Centre at Ludwigsburg, said his office had no evidence Mr Kulle had been responsible for any deaths.

● NEW YORK: A Justice Department spokesman in Washington said Mr Kulle had entered the United States illegally in 1957 (Charles Bremner writes). The case against him was proved by evidence in US archives.

South African treason trial

Mayekiso case delayed again

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

In a stuffy, wood-panelled room on the fourth floor of the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg, a leading black trade union leader, Mr Moses Mayekiso, and four co-accused are being tried for treason in a case without precedent in South Africa's legal history.

The judge and the prosecuting and defence counsel are all white; the accused are black. Nothing unusual there. Nor are treason trials in themselves anything out of the ordinary these days. Indeed, they have become almost commonplace.

At the moment, 40 people, all blacks, are facing treason charges in five separate trials, all related in some way or other to the turmoil in black townships from 1984 to 1986. Last year 10 people were convicted, and eight acquitted, of treason in six other trials.

What makes the Mayekiso case special, aside from the international interest it has aroused, is the prosecution's charge that the accused tried to usurp the authority of the state by setting up "organs of people's power" in the Alexandra township on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

If the accused are convicted, the state may bring treason charges against scores of other black men and women alleged to have been involved in the creation of "people's committees", "people's courts" and other so-called "alternative structures" in black townships across the country.

Treason carries a maximum penalty of death, but this is rarely imposed. The judge in the Mayekiso case is sitting without assessors, an indication that he does not envisage any need for the death penalty.

The trial began on October 19, by which time Mr Mayekiso, a bearded, 38-year-old man in gold-rimmed spectacles, and all but one of the other accused, had been in jail for 16 months. At the time of his arrest, Mr Mayekiso was general secretary of South Africa's Metal and Allied Workers' Union.

After an adjournment, the trial was due to have resumed yesterday, but after consultations in chambers was postponed until November 3. The proceedings are being held *in camera*. Journalists are allowed to be present on condition that they do not identify state witnesses by name or by place of residence or business.

"For the sake of justice, trials are normally held in public, but the times we live in are far from normal," Mr Justice Piet van der Walt told the court. "With the kind of allegations the accused are faced with, witnesses will be reluctant to give evidence for fear of retaliations, intimidation and retribution."

It is alleged that Mr Mayekiso, as chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee, and his co-accused organized residents into yard, block and street committees as part of a pyramidal administrative structure which took over the running of the township after the government-approved council had been forced to resign.

Mr Mayekiso: accused of forming "people's courts".

The accused are also said to have set up "people's courts" and to have formed "a group known as the marshals and/or comrades" whose task was "to investigate misbehaviour by residents and/or discuss disciplinary measures and/or liaise with block and street committees on heavy punishment," including whippings.

"Adultery", "supporting tribalism and being bossy", "practising witchcraft", "bad talk about the comrades", "being a sell-out" and "attending a disco" were among the complaints dealt with by the "people's courts", in addition to more conventional offences such as theft and murder, according to documents purporting to be court records submitted by the state.

Mr Mayekiso and his colleagues also face alternative charges of subversion and sedition. These relate chiefly to their alleged organization of rent and consumer boycotts, the latter aimed mainly at white shopkeepers on the fringes of Alexandra deemed to be hostile to its people or too closely associated with the police and government-approved township councillors.

Part of the defence case will be that the committees and other bodies organized by Mr Mayekiso and his colleagues were a response to attacks on residents by the police in collusion with conservative black vigilantes.

Of the other treason cases, the most important is the marathon trial of 19 leading members of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the largest alliance of radical anti-apartheid opposition groups in the country.

The trial, which began its first full session in the small rural town of Delmas, north-east of Pretoria, on January 20, 1986, has already heard more than 17,000 pages of evidence and more than 900 co-conspirators have been named by the prosecution in its attempt to prove a plot to overthrow the state.

Last August the venue of the trial was shifted to the same courtroom in the Palace of Justice in Pretoria where Mr Nelson Mandela, a leading figure in the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) was sentenced to life imprisonment for sabotage 23 years ago. After a break, it resumed there last Monday.

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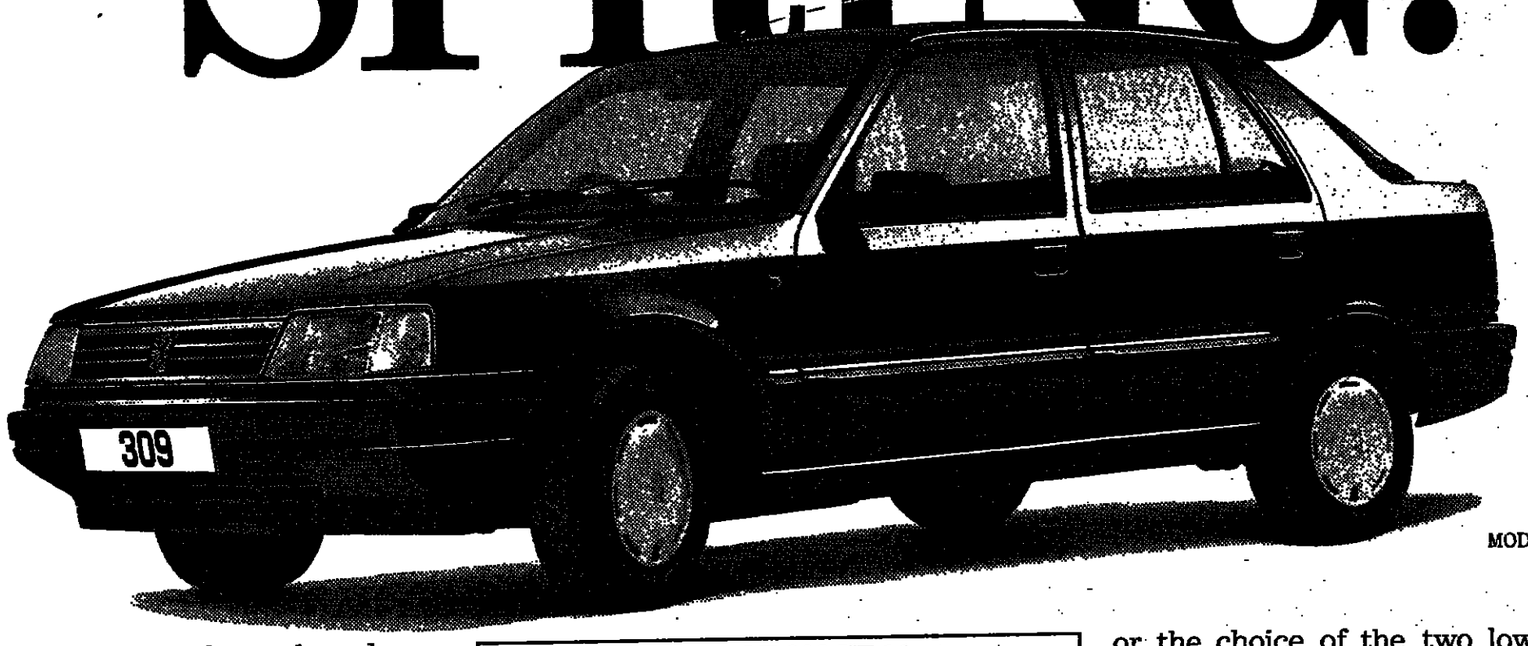

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Lessons in citizenship

Nigel Iskander

Pupils at Chenderit School use ILEA's *Rights, Responsibilities and the Law*. Such textbooks explain the law well (extract above) but stress rights, not responsibilities. Teachers at the school use the book as only part of the citizenship and moral education syllabus they have developed with Leicester University's Moral Education Centre. They believe the materials they have written could be used by other schools — but doubt that the Government's national curriculum proposals will give schools time to do the course justice

CRIME STOP

The Government is to spend £11 million on crime prevention, some of it in schools. **Sarah Thompson** looks at two schools already setting an example

It is sometimes called the "hidden curriculum": the package of morality which, teachers hope, school-leavers take away and retain long after the past tense of "*être*" has been forgotten. But as crime among 14 and 15-year-olds reaches dizzy heights, it is clear that the hidden curriculum must come out into the open.

"We are living in a time of rapid cultural and technological change. There are values which, when we were at school, were made explicit. Children now have so much coming at them from all sides; the assumptions we were brought up with are in new contexts. These assumptions — about responsibility, citizenship, living with others — have to be made explicit again, virtually from scratch." Those are the words of David Martin, the philosophical head of Chenderit comprehensive school in Northamptonshire. His school is a test tube in which he is mixing a live academic experiment in "making the hidden curriculum explicit".

A "faculty" of Chenderit teachers, trained by the Leicester University Moral Education Centre, is delivering a sophisticated personal and social education (PSE) programme. The timetable has been restructured to allow two hours a week — three for the sixth form — for pupils to work through a syllabus covering personal responsibility, citizenship, the law (and why it exists), as well as careers, health education, form-filling and "study skills".

The local police present a course to 15-year-olds each year, explaining what they do, and why: it begins with the surprise "arrest" of a pupil on whom "drugs" have been planted. This is always a hit and sets the mood for more role-playing games, from a staged road accident outside the school to a full "court session" with pupils playing law breakers and law enforcers.

Some teachers have doubts about allowing police officers such a free rein; in a handful of London schools, an extreme version of this view has banned police altogether.

Mike Cross, a lecturer at St Martin's College, Lancaster, had doubts when asked to train officers for a county-wide schools project after the 1981 Moss Side riots.

"I didn't want it to become a PR exercise for the police," he says. "One teacher in one of the schools we started working in objected on political and ethical grounds — but he changed his mind on realizing that it was not a whitewash job, but an attempt to explain the law, why and how it works.

"I also resisted the pressure to make the course a straightforward anti-crime exercise. What we seem to have done, in the end, is to make youngsters better informed — I wouldn't go so far as to say that they are better citizens, but they are more aware."

Though Cross is wary of hailing his in-school project, now a permanent feature of the Lancashire curriculum, as a crime-beater, a similar two-year-old exercise in Dudley, West Midlands, has had sharp effects. Juvenile crime in Dudley is far lower than in the rest of the West Midlands and the gap is widening.

At Chenderit School, David Martin is also getting results. A truancy rate of 9 per cent is down to 4 per cent. The proportion of pupils staying on in the sixth form has almost doubled, to more than 50 per cent. Older pupils report that bullying is almost extinct; graffiti and vandalism have disappeared.

A different approach in a very different school, a comprehensive ringed by concrete tower blocks in a tough south London district with a youth unemployment rate of 72 per cent, is also reaping real results. When Brinley Morgan, a dour 51-year-old Welshman, took over Walworth School four years ago, crime and "semi-crime" — petty bullying and playground theft — were rife. The rambling, split-site school was vandalized and covered with graffiti.

Morgan judged that the layout of the school allowed too much space that did not belong to anyone and he introduced a "zoning" system whereby children in one year have responsibility for a particular area.

"Then we dealt with the parts that still didn't belong to anyone: stairwells, corridors, gaps between buildings," he says. "I transformed the tops of stairwells into cupboards so that pupils could no longer gather to cause damage. I cut down the number of staircases that could be used except as fire escapes.

"I covered up glass partitions, which are easily kicked in, with fireproof noticeboarding — the same for the corridors. These are covered with pupils' work and posters. Everyone told me they would be torn down or defaced in minutes — but they have been respected."

Morgan tours the school lavatories, hunting out graffiti and ordering its immediate removal to prevent it "breeding — and so they know that someone cares". Flowers and plants have been encouraged — and are not, miraculously, torn to shreds by vandals. Carpets have been laid in the corridors to reduce noise — but children have also stopped dropping litter on the floor.

Morgan issues form tutors with daily themes — homework, behaviour out of school — on which they expand in the 20-minute registration period before lessons, and he writes constantly to the parents, 60 per cent of whom are single. He issues pupils who help at, for example, an after-school concert, with a "headmaster's commendation" certificate.

The "hardest slog" has been reform of uniform, which Morgan insists on. For the first time, pupils are taking pride in their uniform. The results of Morgan's regime have been a reduction in "semi-crime", in vandalism and in the unemployment rate of Walworth school-leavers — down from 70 to 50 per cent.

Both Morgan and Martin have found that moral education does not have a text book. Like Cross, they have built up their materials and style from scratch. Publications such as ILEA's *Rights, Responsibilities and the Law* talk a lot about rights but not much about responsibilities, which both heads feel have been neglected.

Teachers are also woefully unprepared. Martin is appalled by how little training on moral issues and citizenship his staff received as students; hence the need to bring in Leicester University's team.

Both heads believe that if juvenile crime is to be tackled and school-leavers given a sense of citizenship, schools need far more time for the subject than the Government seems prepared to allow.

The Government's national curriculum proposals stress that the curriculum must promote pupils' development as citizens. Moral education, ministers are asserting, comes under the heading of Religious Education, which is protected only by the 1944 Education Act and is buried in a list of subjects which are to vie for time on one day a week.

Martin's project takes up two to three hours a week per pupil; Morgan, too, has expanded the time he allows for PSE. This time must be cut back when the national curriculum is imposed.

Brinley Morgan called for the Government to take a more practical stand. "If the Government could make a positive statement that reinstates an agreed moral basis to the education system, then schools can build on that. But at the moment schools and police are just a thin red line."

"Developing human potential and teaching citizenship are a whole school subject in themselves," Martin says. "Children need a space in which they can stand back and ask, 'What does it all mean?' We don't want to breed a technologically efficient generation who can't take stock of their lives."

In the footsteps of a visionary

● Over a century the Pasteur Institute has grown into 'a scientific tower of Babel' where 2,000 experts from more than 50 countries pool their knowledge in the endless battle against disease

The name Pasteur is everywhere in France: on boulevards and squares, on schools, hospitals, community centres. There are Pasteur Institutes in Morocco and Madagascar, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, and a score of other places around the globe. Earlier this year, Pasteur even made the front pages of British newspapers when the auction of jewellery bequeathed by the Duchess of Windsor raised more than £30 million for the Institute.

At any moment, doctors, scientist and researchers, working in the footsteps of Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), will be poring over slides and laboratory data dealing with such ancient scourges as measles and tuberculosis, or redoubling efforts to turn the tide against the world-wide menace of Aids.

Earlier this month, launching the elaborate celebrations of the Pasteur Institute's hundredth anniversary, Professor François Jacob, its president, recalled that it was just over 100 years since Louis Pasteur supervised the first inoculation of a human being against rabies. The patient was a young boy who had been mauled by a mad dog and was condemned, it seemed, to a terrible death.

Pasteur had already produced a rabies vaccine for dogs, but hesitated to test it on the boy. Moved by pity, — three of his own daughters had died young of infectious diseases — he finally gave the go-ahead for a series of injections. Within a month the lad was back home, and in that historic victory over what Professeur Jacob called "the most insatiable of diseases" was founded the Pasteur Institute's long journey of investigation and discovery of the mysteries of human life.

Pioneer: Pasteur (fourth from left) and colleagues at the institute he founded in a courtyard

An establishment that began life in a Parisian courtyard alongside coachmen grooming their horses would propel itself into the front line of medical research, producing a hatful of Nobel Prize winners, contributing to a stream of breakthroughs against mankind's natural enemies.

With an annual budget in excess of £50 million, almost half of which now comes from the French goverment, the institute has come a long way from its first public appeal for cash. The vast list of donors then ran from a country postman, who sent in half a franc, to the Tsar of all the Russias (100,000 francs). During its first full year in an era of shockingly high mortality rates, above all among children, the Institute treated some 5,400 patients, of whom less than 1 per cent died. Pasteur told the President of France of his cherished objective: "To replace war, bloodshed and death with peace, hard work and good health."

Today only the scale and the sophistication of the Institute's work has changed. In the words of *Le Point* magazine, it has become "a scientific tower of Babel", encompassing around 2,000 people, pooling expertise and research from more than 50 countries.

> ‘Scientists talk of the world before Pasteur and the world after him’

The institute's most important work today is concentrated into three main areas: microbiology, immunology and something best described as "development biology", which seeks a deeper understanding of cancer, genetic diseases and diseases of the central nervous system.

Its "star", Aids researcher Dr Luc Montagnier, who collected the lion's share of glory for discovering the virus that causes the disease (known as "Sida" in France), is agreeably frank about the Pasteur's determination to win the race to come up with a vaccine that will be snapped up by the pharmaceutical industry, transferring the fruits of research in such a way earns the institute millions of francs which can then be used in other high-profile projects.

The man whose vision made it all possible was laid to rest in a plain granite tomb in the extraordinary neo-Byzantine crypt of a little chapel on the original site of his beloved Institute. As the *Grande Larousse* encyclopaedia observes: scientists talk of the world before Louis Pasteur and the world after him.

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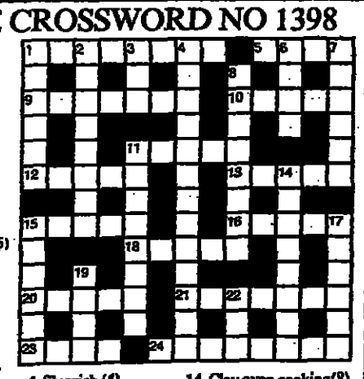

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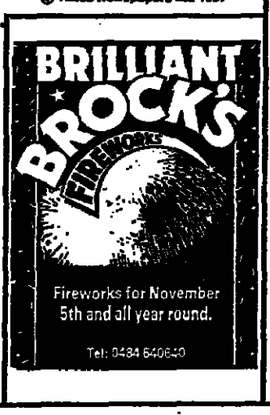

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The chef suggests...

If the winner of the Booker prize will not be known until tomorrow, I can at least name the winners of two other forthcoming literary awards. In the next few weeks George MacBeth will receive one of the two Angel Hotel awards for East Anglian writers for his autobiographical work *Child of the War*. The 15th century Bury St Edmonds hotel, run by the Gough family, has been awarding local fiction and non-fiction writers with money and dinner for six years. Previous recipients include Rose Tremain and Ruth Rendell (a nominee this year under her pen name Barbara Vine). The £1,000 David Higham Award for best first novel will go on November 17 to Adam Zameenzad for his *The 13th House*. It is the first piece of fiction from his publisher, Fourth Estate. The burgeoning book prize business means that writers with the energy to enter could win more than £40,000 in a year.

● **Three novelists passed over by the Booker judges in drawing up their shortlist are in the running for the £18,500 Whitbread Book of the Year. William Boyd, Bruce Chatwin and Ian McEwan will feature in the Whitbread shortlist when it is announced today. And Richard Ellman, the biographer of Oscar Wilde, could have the unique distinction of winning posthumously.**

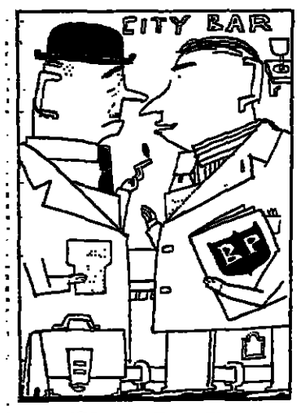
Vat man

Nigel Lawson is having a really hard time. After being referred to as a "fat bounder" in the Commons the other day by Labour's Tony Banks, I hear that during the good old days before the stock market crash the Chancellor became worried about the increasing number of junior Treasury officials — who earn between £15,000 and £20,000 — forsaking Whitehall for more lucrative jobs in the City. In an effort to staunch the flow, Lawson held a drinks party. Few attended: the invitation asked for a £2 contribution for the wine.

Ex cathedra

The worthies opposing the government's plans for a core curriculum because it excludes Latin have failed to net what could have been their biggest fish. Lord Hailsham, who took a double first in Greats in 1930, will not publicly support the cause. Senior members of the Classics department at Newcastle University wrote to the former Lord Chancellor, along with other public figures and academics, asked him to write to Kenneth Baker expressing concern that there will be no room for Latin on most school timetables. Those who obliged included Enoch Powell, who wears his classical learning on his sleeve, and academics Sir Geoffrey Elton and Anthony Kenny. The reason for Hailsham's silence? He tells me that, despite his private feelings, it would be inappropriate for him to lobby a former colleague. Anyway, he adds, there is no guaranteeing the Education Secretary would take any notice of his views.

BARRY FANTONI



'Of course I'm smiling. I did the ad campaign'

Marooned

After the gales and storms we look set to be dowsed with red rain. An amateur weather watcher tells me that strong southerly winds are heading for Britain carrying dark top soil from the Atlas mountains in North Africa, rather than the more familiar Saharan sand. Similar rosy drops, he says, fell in February 1982 and July 1968. In 1975 the dust got no further than the Alps, where it fell with snow. The Met Office says the effect is "conceivable" but is not forecast. Fair enough, boys; you do the hurricanes and leave red rain to the amateurs.

● ***Soviet Weekly* has hit upon a "superb Christmas present idea": for £7.70, a 30-minute recording of parts of Lenin's *1919, 1920* and 1921 speeches on compact disc.**

Casting off

One employee who will pack his bags and leave Conservative Central Office if Lord Young moves in as chairman this weekend will be John Desborough, the communications director. The former political journalist will try to retire again — he joined the Smith Square office 18 months ago at the request of outgoing chairman Norman Tebbit soon after leaving the Mirror Group. Desborough should find life more tranquil pursuing his new hobby, cruising up and down the Broads on the *Beagle*.

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Continuing our series on the October Revolution, V.G. Kiernan argues that it was responsible above all else for today's peace and prosperity

Why the world is in Russia's debt

The test of a great writer, said T.S. Eliot, is that after him no one can write without being aware of him. Much the same might be said of great events. The world could never be the same after what happened in November 1917 in Petrograd. Nothing else came out of the Great War that made its butchery even remotely worthwhile; scarcely anything else is even remembered.

Russia's old regime crumbled away like a mummy exposed to fresh air; the carnage following the Bolshevik seizure of power was caused, or at least immensely worsened, by the Allied intervention on behalf of right-wing factions bent on civil war. There had been a rehearsal for such intervention in the joint campaign of foreign governments with a stake in China to suppress the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, with the sack of Peking as the climax. Long before that, the crusade of reactionary Europe, including Tory Britain, against the French Revolution had for consequences the Terror of 1793-94 and the wars that convulsed Europe down to Waterloo.

It has often been maintained that Russia would have fared better by following the path of capitalist development, and the liberalism which — it is too easily taken for granted — would have accompanied it. If there was any chance of such a way forward, it was in 1905, the year of revolt against Tsarism headed by the bourgeoisie. Britain and France helped to strangle the rising, from political and financial motives, by lending Nicholas II the money he needed to bring his people back into subjection.

Winston Churchill, a member of the Liberal government responsible, in later years lamented the failure of Western capitalism to "strangle Bolshevism in its cradle". For years — despite the efforts of the left — the West kept the Soviet Union under virtual blockade. Isolation and continual peril drove it to turn away from good as well as bad in Western life, and to industrialize at a reckless speed. And if Russians were chosen by destiny to show that an alternative form of human society was possible, they had the defects of their qualities, and were less well prepared for efficient organizing. Trotsky contrasted the courage of the workers in the civil war with the difficulty of getting them to keep their rifles clean.

In spite of everything, the Soviet era has been fundamentally one of progress, along a road never before travelled, a triumph of human determination in face of prodigious difficulties, many of them still to be overcome; progress savagely interrupted but not halted by an invasion from the capitalist world as devastating as any Mongol irruption.

An admirer must feel painful regrets over many things that have deeply tarnished socialist ideals in the USSR, but he has no need at all to apologize for them to the amazingly self-complacent, self-righteous West. There is no crime of Stalinism that cannot be more than matched in this century's annals of Western behaviour, in or out of Europe. The frightful counter-revolution in Spain was carried out by fascist intruders with the demure connivance of Tory Britain and France. All the unnecessary sufferings undergone by Russia cannot equal those wantonly inflicted on Vietnam. Western and Japanese capitalists setting up industries in India or China or in Japan itself exploited labour far more brutally than Soviet industry ever did.

Stalinism was a morbidly unnatural outgrowth of socialism; fascism a more natural one of capitalism.

Without the Soviet Union there would have been no firm barrier to a fascist takeover of Europe. But for the Soviet army we should all now be Heiling Hitler's ghost, with real or feigned enthusiasm. Fascism's defeat was the Soviet Union's most epoch-making service to Europe and humanity.

There have been others. Had Russia evolved into one more industrial-capitalist state, or empire, strife would have continued among all the big capitalist countries, and their shifting combinations, as it did down to 1945. Since then, common hostility to the USSR, as the citadel of socialism, has brought them into amity, or a decent pretence of it. They are afraid now to push their quarrels too far, and are compelled to leave that indulgence to the small fry, such as Iraq and Iran.

Obliged to combine, they have been learning at last the lesson that Norman Angell tried in vain to teach them before 1914, that they should see one another as trading-partners instead of as throat-cutting rivals. Roused by the Second World War from long economic torpor, they have had to keep expansion going, and prove the ability of a born again capitalism to raise living standards, in order to take the wind out of socialist sails. We owe our affluence to Lenin more than to anyone else.

In the years after 1917 downtrodden Asia was better able than Europe to recognize its world-transforming quality. During the Second World War it was evident to any outsider in India that there was far more popular sympathy with Russia than with Britain. Fear of India drifting too far towards Moscow and socialism does much to account for the grant of independence in 1947. Similar fear of a spread of Soviet influence did much to decide a reluctant West in the end in favour of all-round decolonization. Neo-colonialism, or imperialism in the broader sense, remains, as the case of Nicaragua makes very clear at present; in all such cases the USSR, unlike Britain, has been on the right side.

> 'In spite of everything the Soviet era has fundamentally been one of progress'

A European revolution this century could take place only in Russia, where most men and women had nothing to lose. It was one of those supreme moments, above and beyond the plane of ordinary existence, when men and women have been found capable, even if half-blindly, of a defiance of fate, a *credo quia impossibile*, that has altered human destinies.

Parliamentary reformism makes life dully comfortable for many or most citizens, but it is all too likely to reduce civic consciousness to "the lore of nicely calculated less or more", of mundane trifles like directors' perks or workers' tea-breaks. Caught in its tenacious web, encrusted with the dead weight of multiplying vested interests, the collective mind becomes incapable of even thinking or dreaming of a dramatic leap like 1789 or 1917, or any such hurricane changes as the survival of mankind now demands. Instead, the old bourgeois gospel of *Enrichissez-vous*, or Seek ye first the kingdom of Mammon, is being proclaimed afresh, in all its nakedness and ugliness.

Still, it may be hoped the West will be exposed to continuing competition, cultural and ethical above all, from the USSR, and will be compelled to digest some further lessons. Equally clearly, Russia has many things to borrow from the West, not all of a material or utilitarian sort. It too stands in need of far-reaching transformation, in readiness for a fresh advance, and is showing that it has the will and the leadership to embark on this. It is appropriate to its mood of reviving socialist energy and realism that the 70th anniversary of the Revolution is being marked by rehabilitation of all the men who helped to make it and were later destroyed by Stalin. Peaceful coexistence has at the same time a good augury in the fact that the USSR after years of patient effort has come very close to achieving an agreement with America on limitation of nuclear armaments.

In 1935 the Canadian surgeon Norman Bethune, who worked for the Republic in Spain and died in China working with the anti-Japanese resistance, was in Leningrad for a medical conference. He came away comparing revolution to childbirth, and Russia he saw as an infant still struggling for life; those who abused it he dismissed as philistines crippled by "sterility of the soul" and blind to "the most exciting spectacle of the evolutionary, emergent and heroic spirit of man which has appeared on this earth since the Reformation". In spite of all disappointments since then, a socialist can still believe that he was right.

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TOMORROW
Coming to terms with Marxism's failure

Enter a Scots Lord Denning

Michael Ancram assesses the promise of the new Lord Chancellor

The appointment of Lord Mackay of Clashfern to the office of Lord Chancellor not only breaks new and welcome ground for the Scottish law but also raises a number of important questions as to what the overall effect will be on two legal systems which in the past have jealously guarded their separate identities and independence. There will be many English laywers today who are wondering with some apprehension what influence the new Lord Chancellor will bring to bear on the attitudes and actualities of the law south of the border.

Those who have known James Mackay both in the law and in politics will recognize him as a man of determined views and of action, prepared to promote reform where it can be justified and not easy to divert from a chosen course of action. At the same time they would know him as a man of tact and courtesy who will not unnecessarily tread on toes or make changes simply for the sake of change. He is by nature more a water-colourist, adept at using subtle variations of shade and tone, rather than a painter in the more stark contrasts of oils. It is likely therefore that any initiatives and reforms stemming from his tenure of office will be gradual rather than immediate, and brought about more by persuasion than by imposition.

In many ways he starts with the advantage of having won the confidence of his political colleagues in these methods through his experience as Lord Advocate. In the influence he exerted then, he showed that where it is merited he is capable of interesting his English colleagues in adopting and adapting Scottish attitudes to the legal system. The creation of the new prosecution service independent of the police, along the lines of the Scottish system, owes not a little to the advice and encouragement he was able to provide at an early stage.

As Lord Chancellor he will now be able to exert an even greater influence, and this in two distinct ways. As a member of the Cabinet he will have a direct input into legislative reforms, and as the head of the English judiciary he will have the influence which the status of his office naturally and rightly provides. He will undoubtedly make use of both. His years in England since 1979 have given him close contacts with the English legal world, and he has the advantage of bringing to those dealings a level of objectivity not always possible for one raised and nurtured within the system.

So where will these changes come and what form will they take? It is in the nature of government that many of them will be technical and matters of the moment which at present are beyond the bounds of prophecy. It is not however difficult to imagine that he will, at an early stage, bring to bear his own legal experience as a practitioner, a law officer and a judge within the Scottish system. He has, for instance, had close and reasonably recent involvement in questions of divorce jurisdiction and matrimonial law, the lessons of which could be brought to bear on the question of family courts.

He will equally be able to make useful comparisons between Scottish and English criminal procedure to see what benefits can be gathered from one to the other to the improvement of both. To a Scottish lawyer the need for opening speeches in criminal trials, with all the dangers of potential prejudice to the accused and the costly taking up of time, has long been a matter of puzzlement. The requirement for a judge in England to rehearse all the evidence, rather than simply that which identifies the issues between the parties, also might benefit from this type of review.

These, however, are specific matters upon which arguments of detail and extent can and will be made. There is one general and substantial area of distinction between the two systems where the Lord Chancellor's influence could prove to be of a major and lasting kind.

While the law of England is substantially based either on statute or on the concept of precedent mitigated by the application of equity, the law of Scotland is, to a large extent, founded on general principles applied with a degree of common sense. In England the law tends to be very specific, for instance in the strict statutory definition of particular crimes. In Scotland the genus of crime is more generally defined and its application based on the individual circumstances of the trial.

In general, therefore, the Scottish system looks more to principle than precedent and as a result obviates the need for a separate concept of equity to ensure balanced justice. Both as an advocate and as a judge James Mackay has proved himself a champion of the common-sense approach to law in the Scottish tradition, in a way which finds echoes in the judicial life of Lord Denning in England. It may well be that where Lord Denning was often regarded as the exception, the new Lord Chancellor over a period of time will seek to make that approach more of the rule.

His position will allow him gently to bring influence to bear. His relationship with the English judiciary will give him the chance to exercise his undoubted powers of persuasion. His continuing role within the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords will permit him to see principles increasingly applied in the law across the United Kingdom as a whole.

He has the breadth of experience, political and legal, to be a bridge-builder. He has the vision and determination to be a constructive reformer. Above all, he has the unfailing courtesy to win friends and supporters on both sides of the border in the process.

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Digby Anderson

The reluctant reactionaries

Last week saw the launch of the C.S. Lewis Centre for the study of religion and modernity. Backed by distinguished Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant theologians and dignitaries, it aims to publish studies committed to "trinitarian orthodoxy" and to "fight" modernism and secularism and hold to what C.S. Lewis called "the main road".

At a time when there is evidence of a renewed interest in values and matters moral, the centre's agenda is of potential interest to an audience far wider than practising Christians. If Thatcherism has made a freer and, for many, a richer Britain and promises less state welfare, it makes it appropriate for people to think of the use to which they put that freedom and wealth and their own direct obligations to those in need. It is also clear that a society less ordered by political control must seek its order in shared values articulated and transmitted through the family, the neighbourhood, the church and other institutions between the individual and the state, if it is to avoid chaos, crime and despair.

The centre is manifestly a reaction against moral and theological relativism but it also exemplifies a problem for those of us who are reactionary. It does not describe itself as reactionary: indeed it goes to pains to disavow "nostalgia" for the past, claims a middle road and, far from running away from modernity, stresses the importance of confronting it in the light of the spirit rather than the letter of traditional truths and values. Of course, I did not mean it was nothing but reactionary and I certainly did not mean that it was right-wing, whatever that is. But, simply, what was for C.S. Lewis the main road is now, relative to the current climate on beliefs and values, and especially the fudged remarks of many of the leaders of the established church on any question except politics, downright reactionary. And the centre admits as much in saying that modernity poses particularly grave problems.

Why are so many of those who consider that the past did better on some things so edgy about the reactionary component in their thinking being labelled as such? It's partly because of the widespread modern superstition that progress is linear, ubiquitous and remorseless, what Lewis himself called chronological snobbery; partly because of the company one would be seen to be keeping with certain notorious reactionaries; but, I suspect, mostly because no sooner does one identify one's recommendations with a time rather than as an idea than one's opponents throw in one's face all the other nasty things which occurred at that time: "So you approve of Victorian patriotism, do you? And I suppose you want to reintroduce child labour as well?" As socialists have found, it's much easier to present recommendations as new and untried; then there is no empirical evidence with which to attack them.

The opponents, in fact, are right to argue in this fashion. Certain things — though not patriotism and infant chimney sweeps — do go together. You can't just pick and choose from the past. Thus the centre sets limits, albeit generous, on what it considers proper Christianity (trinitarian) and presumably proper morality. These sorts of absolute, if generous, standards go with certain other things. Defining what is right involves defining who is wrong. Defining who is in excludes others who do not meet the definition. Approving this behaviour means disapproving that, and though it does not mean disapproving the person who does that, and though individuals surely are compassionate to those who fail standards, absolute standards tend to lead to the stigmatizing and even punishment of whole classes of person. With stigma goes secrecy and with secrecy blackmail. With orthodoxy goes heresy.

Now it is precisely the contention of modernity that these associates of absolute standards are unmitigated and unnecessary evils which belong in the past and that a progressive society can be constructed without judging, condemning, stigmatizing, excluding and punishing. Serious critics of modernity make this contention the focus of their criticism. They either see the "evils" as the regrettable price to be paid for values or even embrace them as the cement of a fallen society. Either way, by agreeing to the label reactionary, they bring into the open this, the central battlefield. To seek to escape the label reactionary, even as applied to only a component of what one says, is to conceal or confuse the most interesting contest of all.

If society is to move away from the do-it-yourself morality and a philosophy of life which, in the Bishop of London's words, acknowledges no authority outside the individual and his "fulfilment" to one where there are unnegotiable beliefs and values outside him, albeit only in voluntary associations such as a church, then with such beliefs and values will come — no, let's not equivocate — will come *back* certain things currently seen as unpleasant. When the next General Synod discusses whether to take a firm and clear stand on homosexual acts, this is the pivot of the argument. If it takes such a stand, it will discriminate against homosexuals and make stigma, secrecy and blackmail more likely. That may be bad. It may be unfortunate but necessary. It may be good. But what it is not is optional. With clear stands comes discrimination. Sometimes there is no middle road.

The author is Director of the Social Affairs Unit.

***however* . . . Pearson Phillips**

A hair-raising experiment

Looking back, I don't know what made me do it. Was it because I was on an old sailing boat? Were the vibrations from salty old Players Navy Cut characters coming out of the oak timbers? It wasn't very long ago but it was a decision which has changed my whole view of life.

To be more specific, it has changed my view of that bit of life I see when I look in the mirror. It used to be Gregory Peck. Now it's Ernest Hemingway. At least, I *think* it's Ernest Hemingway. My barber tells me that's the effect he is after, and I'm not going to argue.

It's my first beard. Having one of my own has made me look around and see that they are sprouting everywhere. I'm sorry to have to break the news to the after-shave industry, but there's a definite rush of hair to the face. Curious. Shaving has never been easier yet fewer people seem to be doing it. I suspect we are heading towards a return to Victorian facial values. In the public mind, beard is no longer automatically linked to weird.

It is tempting to wander down lush avenues of sexual speculation. Is it because growing a beard is one thing, about the only thing, that women can't do? I certainly got a strange satisfaction out of causing confusion in that monument of modern mores, a Unisex barber's shop, by asking for a beard trim. Are we seeing the first signs of gender disengagement, the male equivalent of the renaissance of the mini-skirt?

Shaving, my local anthropologist informs me, is acknowledged in tribal circles throughout the world as "an appeasement display". Shaving is a way of appearing unthreatening to women. This is an appalling revelation. Was that what I was doing, flinching with blunt blades when the hot water had failed? It grieves me most to remember those grim years before stainless steel blades or the disposable razor, all that stropping and experimenting with yet more complex shaving inventions, most of which ended up congealed with dried soap and rust in the cupboard beside the bathroom basin. Was it all in the cause of appearing unthreatening to women? It never did me any good. The time had come to see what a beard would do.

I started mine under several misapprehensions. I thought all you had to do was stand back and let it grow. But it's important to make some planning decisions. You can no more trust a beard to behave itself than you can abandon a lawn or leave a hedge to its own devices. There are, for example, two small parts on each side of the lower chin where the ground seems to be more fertile and from which the hair sprouts at a far speedier rate than from neighbouring portions. I have seen some unfortunates walking around who have let these bits get out of control. They look like Trollopian arch-deacons.

Just in time for the new hair wave, modern technology has produced an electric beard trimmer, which, like a lawnmower, has an adjustable spacer arrangement which allows beards to be cut to an even length. I am modelling mine on the short rough on the seventeenth at Wentworth.

Things have changed, of course, since the last bearded era. It should no longer be necessary for anyone to go as far as W.G. Grace, whose beard helped him to maintain his authority against a succession of four wives; or poor, timid Mr Edward Lear, whose matted growth protected him from succumbing to any.

We shall need some new names and styles, more fitting to contemporary life. The Imperial is hardly appropriate; nor is the Van Dyck or the Dundreary. We shall have the Anderton at one extreme and the unkempt Billy Connolly at the other. I can see Peter Hall catching on among the theatrical set; sparse, economical Richard Bransons for the young tycoon.

And how are you getting on with it, people ask. I confess to them that there have been some problems. You have to be careful when eating corn on the cob in public. In fact I would definitely recommend people with beards to eat corn on the cob in private.

Yes, yes. But what about, you know, the effect on the women?

Pretty satisfactory, actually. A general unconditional surrender. Quite a lot of them have stroked it. A few say they are specially keen on the distinguished looking grey bits. And the tough one, the one it's all about, took one look at it and said: "For God's sake, shave off that stupid beard."

Excellent. It must be working.

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AVOIDING RECESSION

Stock markets have crashed so fast that governments must turn a series of mental somersaults to keep up. In Britain, the first task was to assure everyone that the economy was sound, that share price falls had been imported from the United States, that the panic was irrational. It soon became clear, however, that the markets were not suffering from an immediately reversible aberration. So the second phase was discreet help for the markets – small cuts in interest rates. This alone required swift gymnastics in the Treasury, which had until then been used to market fears that the economy was overheating. The speed and unanimity with which finance ministers changed their stance is itself encouraging.

Just one week after the crash, a third phase has been reached. The fall has become so severe that it could, in the manner of an oil price shock, cut growth in the world economy and therefore damage Britain's economic prospects. Mr Lawson, like his counterparts around the world, has a new priority: to limit the damage.

If their minds can keep up, politicians must still tread the line between an appearance of complacency or panic. This was evident yesterday in the Commons exchanges on the Government's sale of BP shares. Mr Lawson has so far coped well, combining confidence in the robustness of the British economy – exemplified by yesterday's survey results from the CBI – with readiness for international action and an awareness that domestic measures may be necessary to ride "the stormier period we may be in".

The coincidence of the Government's biggest share sale with the market collapse has cast the decision to go ahead or cancel as a touchstone of the Government's reaction to events. That is probably false casting. The issue is too party political, not least in terms of confidence in the Government's reputation for consistency and determination, to be viewed strictly in terms of economic management. If the sale does go ahead, however, the Bank of England should minimize whatever further damage is done to stock market confidence both in London and New York by underwriting losses and the drain of funds.

The real leadership test will be whether governments give international cooperation priority over their domestic preoccupations. Central banks must stand behind financial institutions by guaranteeing their solvency. This is hardly in doubt in London. It is more an issue in New York and in Hong Kong, where the leading banks have made a good start.

Monetary authorities then need to switch their tactics to address deflation, brought by a loss of creditworthiness. The key lies in Bonn, as Mr Lawson has noted. The signs are good, but a cautious Bundesbank, like other central banks, will have to keep its nerve as the flight into cash temporarily swells the money supply figures.

If banks are supported and money is supplied when necessary, stock market collapses will not lead to economic collapse as they did after 1929. But more systematic co-operation to maintain stable exchange rates and avoid competition in interest rates will be needed to remove the threat of a recession on the scale of those following the oil shocks.

That will only be feasible if distortions in the American economy are eased and the protectionist tide stopped. Here the onus is on President Reagan and the US Congress to put aside fixed ideas and electoral preoccupations. So far there have only been fine words. A sensible compromise is possible. The President should abandon his refusal to raise taxes to bring next year's Budget deficit within its target. The Congress should abandon its malign agenda of protection.

That is not something on which Europeans can rely. The United States itself, followed by the Far Eastern economies, would be hardest hit by political failure. Germany, Britain the rest of the EEC have less distorted economies, less closely integrated with the fate of financial markets. Like Japan, they have also learnt lessons from having to cope with the dollar's rise and fall. That is a good reason for Mr Lawson to adapt but not abandon his policies.

SUB-CONTINENTAL DEMOCRACY

The political arrests in Bangladesh this week are a reminder of how poorly democracy has fared in the Indian sub-continent. A worried General-turned-President, resentful of the opposition's ability to bring out supporters, arrests its leadership. Yet, he calls himself a democrat and Bangladesh a democracy.

Much the same is the case at the other end of the sub-continent, in Pakistan. Only a carefully scrutinised selection of hapless politicians is allowed to share power with the military. Neither Bangladesh nor Pakistan are democracies as the term is understood by those countries which are. In the sub-continent only India can lay claim to that title.

There, despite its many faults and serious lapses – the emergency declared by Mrs Gandhi in 1975 being the worst – the democratic system bequeathed by the Raj has survived. Nationally and regionally, elections are held regularly. The ruling parties often lose, but the verdict has always been obeyed. Most importantly, the power of the vote has sunk into popular consciousness. Even if he cannot read or write, or is burdened by generations of rural poverty, the Indian peasant knows that he can make or break the Government. The Government knows it too. That is the essence of democracy.

But why in India and not in Pakistan and Bangladesh? After all, the three states underwent the same colonial experience and share close ties of history, geography, culture and kinship. Perhaps the answers lie in the small accidents no one could have foreseen.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Pakistan's founder, died within 13 months of its creation. His domination of pre-independence Muslim politics and his determination to secure a separate Muslim state had been sufficient to force partition. But his absence thereafter left a great gap. The semi-feudal provinces which formed Pakistan (and at the time included Bangladesh) lacked any other leader of stature to nurture the difficult discipline of democracy. Politicians were simply too nervous of being dislodged from their precarious perches.

The explanation for this pusillanimity has a lot to do with the character of the country they ruled. Pakistan was granted by the British in response to the political demands of Muslims from central India, where as a minority they felt insecure. So the new country's leaders were "refugees" in the areas they came to rule. As a result they lacked the confidence to test their acceptability. They simply continued in office because the departing Raj had left them there. It was not long before the Army joined them. Under Ayub, Yahya and Zia it just took over.

Ultimately, the failure of Pakistani democracy lies in the Army's close ties with the country's landlords and bureaucracy. The three elements come from the same dominant feudal class. In the 1950s, as the grip of civilian politicians loosened, the bureaucracy and the landowners welcomed the Army's intervention. Since then a coalition of mutual interests has developed, cementing that alliance. The civilian structure coalescing around the Army secured its position whilst creating the illusion of democracy.

Bangladesh, in 1971, had a real opportunity to put down democratic roots. The independence war politicised the population and created a foundation for civilian rule. But the massacre of the Awami League's leaders in 1975, at the hands of the Army, stunted political development. Since then the best that can be said is that elements of the Army have attempted to provide an alternative political party. Power, of course, has stayed with the mainstream of the military.

In India, for 60 years before independence, the Congress Party had tirelessly inculcated political values in the countryside. So, when it became a ruling party, with Nehru at its helm, and a host of other leaders in its ranks, the democratic ideals it fought for were protected and furthered. Pakistan's Muslim League and later Bangladesh's Awami League were incapable of taking this road. They remained vehicles of personal ambition and faded when their leaders did. Congress is the key to Indian democracy.

BETTER THAN A HOTEL

Westminster City Council appears ready to retreat from its sensible plan to house homeless families in prefabricated homes in the outer London suburb of Barking. It should not.

Like every other inner London borough, Westminster is compelled by law to spend large amounts of ratepayers' money to keep homeless families in hotel rooms. Some 250 families are at present supported by Westminster Council in this way, at an annual cost of £10,000 per family.

This is unsatisfactory in every way. The families live in unpleasant, often dirty conditions. Greedy and unscrupulous landlords make vast profits. There is no incentive for those landlords to improve the accommodation because they are being subsidised by the State. So less well-off tourists cannot find good, moderately priced hotel rooms because hotels are often full of homeless families. Nor can people from regions of high unemployment, visting London for a few days to look for work.

Westminster Council decided it would be more sensible to house some families in temporary prefabricated homes. These do not at all resemble the "prefabs" put up at the end of the last war; today's prefabricated home is much better appointed – more like a holiday bungalow. It needs scarcely any assembling. The council's only major task would be to install electricity and roads.

Since land in Westminster is not available, the council approached various institutions who might have land not currently in use and which could be cheaply leased. The Central Electricity Generating Board came up with a site in Barking, which Westminster planned to lease for five years. The intention was to install 45 prefabricated houses, at an overall cost of £1.4 million, or £20,000 per house – far cheaper, over a five-year period, than putting up families in hotels.

Westminster's decision resulted in an immediate campaign of protest by Barking Council, controlled by Labour. Barking claims that Westminster is trying to offload its problems, as well as to export potential Labour voters in order to strengthen the hold of the Conservatives on Westminster Council. Protesting that Barking services are stretched to the limit, it now intends to refuse planning permission.

Barking's excuse has been received with irritation by Westminster Council. It is common practice for London boroughs to go outside their own boundaries in sheltering the homeless. Westminster's own hotels, for example, are host to 2,000 homeless families sent from other London boroughs. But the council has been sufficiently stung by the criticism to admit defeat.

On the contrary, if Barking Council does indeed refuse planning permission, Westminster should appeal to the Department of the Environment. The Government should insist that other London boroughs follow Westminster's example. In time, the Government will have to decide a long-term policy to house London's urban poor. Until then, it would be better by far to house homeless families in decent, if temporary, conditions than to condemn them, at vast expense, to an insalubrious life in seedy hotels in the inner city.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loosening up Sunday for sport

From the Secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation and others

Sir, Though clearly anachronistic and restrictive, the requirements of the Sunday Observance Act of 1780 continue to exert a limp yet significant grip on British sporting activity.

Sunday sport is a reality. For many millions of people in Britain Sunday is the family day for the enjoyment of leisure time. A whole variety of British sports events, including the men's singles final at Wimbledon, the Sunday Cricket League, the final round of the Open Golf Championship, and the British Grand Prix, now take place on Sunday.

It is unfortunate, however, that the administrators and officials responsible for arranging Sunday sports events on an entrance-paid basis are forced to do so by means of subterfuge and contrived practices. The admirable Sunday Sports Bill, introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Wyatt, has the full support of those governing bodies of sport which wish to promote their activities in a legal and responsible manner.

With the wholehearted support of the House of Lords and the good will of the House of Commons, Sunday can and should be established as a legitimate and legally-acceptable occasion for the enjoyment of all forms of sporting activity.

We, the officers responsible for so much amateur and professional sport on a year-round basis, believe that spiritual and physical recreation are not mutually exclusive and we hope that the opportunity presented by the Bills of Lord Wyatt and Nicholas Soames with the support of Denis Howell will be grasped by Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAWSON (General Secretary, The Central Council of Physical Recreation),
HARRY BOOTH (President, Amateur Swimming Association),
NEVILLE GOSS (Chairman, Auto-Cycle Union),
GRAHAM AXFORD (Chairman, Badminton Association of England),
ALAN SMITH (Secretary, The Cricket Council),
BERT MILLICHIP (Chairman, The Football Association),
F. J. UNDERHILL (Secretary, British Greyhound Racing Board),
CHRISTOPHER FOSTER (Secretary, The Jockey Club),
GEOFF BROWN (President, Lawn Tennis Association),
JOHN CAMERON-HAYES (Chief Executive, The Racecourse Association),
PETER HAMMOND (Chief Executive, RAC Motor Sports Association),
BOB ASHBY (Chairman, Rugby Football League),
JOHN BURGESS (President, Rugby Football Union),
MICHAEL LIMB (Chairman, Speedway Control Board),
The Central Council of Physical Recreation,
Francis House,
Francis Street, SW1.
October 27.

From the Director of the Keep Sunday Special Campaign

Sir, May I articulate our concerns about the Sunday Sports Bill, sponsored by Lord Wyatt of Weeford, which will reach the House of Lords committee stage on November 5. The Bill covers all professional sport. The major new Sunday sport is likely to be horse racing and perhaps, in time, football.

There are no safeguards in the Bill for those employed at sports "tracks" on Sunday, nor for the many employed in supporting services such as transport and the police. Major environmental disruption is in prospect for those living near sports tracks and complexes. Ask residents close to White Hart Lane!

The Bill allows residents no say in whether and when facilities are allowed to open. There is no protection for those working in on-course or off-course betting facilities, which we believe will affect close to 40,000 families. In Ireland they have Sunday racing without opening betting shops.

Finally, the Bill shows no concern for players and jockeys. Many already show signs of extreme pressure and fatigue. They, too, have a right to family life. With evidence of fixture-clogging and congestion in many sports, is the public good really being served by more Sunday sport?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SHLUTER, Director,
Keep Sunday Special Campaign,
3 Hooper Street,
Cambridge.
October 27.

Paying for Trident

From Mr James A. A. McCoy

Sir, Sir James Eberle's analysis of the factors currently generating debate over the ownership of the Trident missiles (article, October 23) is both accurate and clear. In particular, he has cogently expressed the step-change – downwards – in technical independence represented by the decision that the missiles should be serviced in the USA rather than in Britain.

However, in his concluding analogy, Sir James's argument falls wide of the mark. It is, of course, quite unnecessary to know the arrangements through which one's neighbour's car is financed (provided one is reasonably sure his insurance is paid-up). But surely it represents the height of incompetence and irresponsibility to be unaware of the financial provenance of one's own transport? And Trident, after all, is supposed to be ours – not our neighbour's.

Yours etc,
JAMES A. A. McCOY,
The International Institute for Strategic Studies,
23 Tavistock Street, WC2.
October 26.

Sauce for the goose

From Mr Michael Reilly

Sir, The letter (October 12) from Mr D. Cleaton, Secretary, HM Treasury Branch, The Institution of Professional Civil Servants, will be read with wry sympathy by members of other, but similarly-placed groups. The pay and pensions of those who have served in the National Health Service have been subjected to the same "cruel persecution".

To take one instance only: those doctors who had worked in the NHS since its inception in 1948 were promised that war service between 1939 and 1945 would count towards their pension on retirement. Each year spent as a medical officer in the Armed Services would add a "notional" six months to years subsequently spent in the NHS.

There are few now left who fulfil these conditions, so they form a politically negligible group. Many of them, just after the war, especially those married and with families, found that if they wished to continue to study in their spare time to obtain higher specialist qualifications, the pursuit of which had been interrupted by hostilities, the fees for courses and examinations were more than they could afford on the salary provided by the NHS.

There were no grants then. They opted to have their compulsory superannuation contributions returned for the first few months or year of their service in order to finance their studies, at no cost to the State. When they could afford it they asked if they could pay back their contributions. They were told that this was not allowed.

A doctor with six years of war service who worked for the NHS from 1948, but was only able to contribute regularly towards superannuation from 1949, found on retirement that not only had he lost a year of pensionable NHS service – that could be understood, as he had been prevented from paying towards it – but all his war years as well. Technically there had been a lapse of continuity of service. Presumably the years 1945-1948 were in limbo.

Representations by individuals and by the BMA were turned down. It is understood that the interpretation of the relevant regulations lay with the Civil Servants at HM Treasury.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL REILLY,
Magnolia Cottage,
Harrowbeer Lane,
Yelverton, Devon.

Alarms for elderly

From the Chairman of the Care Trust Ltd

Sir, Many elderly and handicapped people and those caring for them will be grateful to Lady Saltoun (October 14) for drawing attention to one potentially serious effect of the proposed changes in the housing-benefit regulations. May I add another reason to those put forward by her in urging HM Government to think again?

There are many cases where hospitals are willing to discharge patients for short or long-term convalescence provided they can have electronic alarms in their homes. Obviously, most of these cases arise where patients' homes are in dispersed housing, yet housing-benefit cover will now be denied them. Without the facility, hospitals will delay discharge (I know of many cases where this condition has been made).

One of the great advantages of the modern type of electronic alarm is its flexibility: it can be installed and removed with relative ease. It is surprising that the Government does not take an opposite view and seek to encourage the development of a cheap but effective tool that could help to forward its plans for care in the community.

The annual cost of such a service for one person is less than the cost of a few days in a hospital bed.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. SHAW, Chairman,
The Care Trust Ltd,
Care House,
Bigland Street, E1.
October 15.

Stoppard case

From the Principal of Milestone Tutorial College

Sir, The report in today's edition (October 22) of the award made at the Central Criminal Court to Barnaby Stoppard, a former student at this college, may have given the impression that Barnaby was the victim of bullying at school.

None of the three aggressors was a student here, although one had been. Barnaby brought the problem to my attention within a fortnight of its starting. The local police were brought in immediately and the three aggressors were arrested within three days on the occasion of their next "visit" to the college.

Yours etc,
RICHARD SMART, Principal,
Milestone Tutorial College,
85 Cromwell Road,
South Kensington, SW7.
October 22.

Going to root of tree problems

From the Director of Research of the Forestry Commission

Sir, Professor Stearn (October 18) calls for work to investigate the trees damaged by the recent gale. We endorse this view and have already started work.

A survey our pathologists made of root systems of trees blown down by the January 1, 1976, gale across the Midlands showed that 57 per cent of trees had decay present in their roots. Our current survey includes trees which at first sight appear not to have decayed roots.

Detailed information is being gathered about trees growing on a range of soil types in urban and rural situations, in parks, in streets and in hedges. It is hoped that from the data collected we will be able to make more positive recommendations for management of landscape trees.

Observations already to hand confirm Professor Stearn's observations that hard surfaces, kerbs and service trenches materially influence the development of a root system.

A free pamphlet is available from the commission containing advice to owners of trees damaged or uprooted by the gale.

Yours faithfuly,
A. J. GRAYSON,
Director of Research,
Forestry Commission,
Alice Holt Lodge,
Wrecclesham,
Farnham, Surrey.
October 23.

From Mr Charles Bazlinton

Sir, In order to ensure that some personal injury and property damage from falling trees is avoided in the future (Mr D. R. Huntingford, October 23), I suggest that it should not be permitted to place a tree preservation order on any tree which could fall on a public right of way or on a dwelling.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BAZLINTON,
Trees,
The Avenue,
Alresford,
Hampshire.
October 23.

From Mr J. R. Milner

Sir, Mr Ridley's enthusiasm in helping to dispose of fallen trees is commendable (photograph, October 24). One cannot, however, say the same of his dress for the occasion; surely, the Secretary of State for the Environment should set a better example when operating such a potentially lethal piece of equipment as a chain saw?

In addition to ear protectors, Mr Ridley should have worn a hard hat and visor and also padded overall. Perhaps Mr Ridley's employer should be charged under the Health and Safety at Work Act . . .

Yours,
J. R. MILLER,
8 Mellerstain,
Gordon, Berwickshire.

Curb on culture

From Professor Emeritus A. Nove

Sir, As you know, Glasgow was selected as Culture City of Europe for the year 1990. You may also be aware that the city is to receive no financial support for this from Ggovernment sources, in striking contrast to the behaviour of (conservative but more cultured) governments of France and Germany in similar circumstances.

The city lacks an adequate concert hall and so the council decided to have one built in time for 1990. Plans were ready. But no: the Government has forbidden the city to borrow the necessary sum.

Is this philistine obstructionism due to blind adherence to public-sector borrowing requirement targets, or is it just petty spite motivated by the fact that Glasgow citizens did not vote Conservative? What of the commitment to inner-city renewal?

Yours truly,
ALEC NOVE,
55 Hamilton Drive, Glasgow.

Fishy story

From Mr Michael Waller

Sir, Your fourth leader of October 17 could, we think, have been better researched and must by now have attracted a veritable bombardment from esoxophiles.

A pike taken from Lough Conn weighed a mere 53lb, but this was after an 11lb salmon was removed from its stomach. A pike of 6ft in length could be in the 80lb class. We once picked up a pike of 4½lb with a 2½ pounder half-way down its gullet.

Both had died in the attempt but the proportions suggest the possibility of a 40lb feed for an 80 pounder. Smitt (*Fishes of the British Isles*, J. Travis Jenkins, London, 1925) relates how a pike of 8lb took on a salmon of about the same size and swallowed it as it was progressively digested over a period of three days.

At this school we open trout daily as part of a monitoring of feeding patterns and often a small number of recently-taken food is still alive.

You might, however, have pointed out that the teeth of a pike incline inwards and many are hinged. This facilitates the passage of large objects but makes it very difficult to remove anything by the same entrance. Nothing short of a Caesarean would have released the dog in time.

The nets, which were probably being used for salmon or sturgeon, could have been gill nets and could trap a pike.

In this time of *glasnost* and Loch Ness monsters, I think we should be prepared to give the Russians the benefit of the doubt.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WALLER,
School of Casting, Salmon & Trout Fishing,
Pontoon Bridge Hotel,
Foxford, Co Mayo,
Republic of Ireland.
October 18.

Word of honour

From Mr H. M. Croome

Sir, Some years ago I was defending a Chinese in the Old Street magistrates' court. When asked to take the oath (letter, October 21) the defendant asked for a saucer, declaring it was essential. A saucer from the police canteen was produced.

Holding the saucer aloft my client said: "May my soul be broken as this saucer is broken if I do not tell the truth." Then he hurled the saucer to the ground. It bounced with a ringing note and hurtled across the court room quite undamaged.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. CROOME,
Borough Hill,
Thaxted, Essex.
October 22.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 28 1794

Frederick Duke of York (1763-1827), second son of George III, commanded the British troops in an unsuccessful campaign in the Low Countries. He was no match for the revolutionary fervour of the French; his military prowess was derided in the doggerel, "The grand old Duke of York . . ."

LONDON GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.

MONDAY, OCT. 27.

WHITEHALL, Oct. 26, 1794.

A dispatch, of which the following is a copy, was this day received from his Royal Highness the Duke of York, by the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

Head-quarters, Nimeguen. Oct. 24, 1794.

SIR,

Yesterday morning the enemy attacked the whole of the advanced posts of my right wing, in very great force, particularly that of Drutin, which was defended by the 37th Regiment, and that of Applethern, where the Prince of Rohan's Light Battalion was posted. Nothing could exceed the gallantry with which the whole of the troops on the advanced posts (particularly those two corps), behaved: but at last the post on the left of the 37th Regiment, which was occupied by a detachment of Rohan Hussars, having been forced, Major Hope, who commanded the 37th, and who distinguished himself exceedingly, was obliged to retreat upon the dyke along the Waal, where he continued for some time, without being much annoyed by the enemy. Unfortunately, however, a strong body of the enemy's hussars being mistaken for the corps of Rohan, the regiment allowed them to come upon them unmolested, when the hussars immediately attacked; and the narrowness of the dyke, which on every other occasion must have afforded a security to the infantry, in this instance acted against them, as they were driven off it by the enemy's charge, and, I am sorry to say, have suffered very considerably.

As they were upon the advanced posts, I have not as yet received an exact return of their loss, but I understand that Captains Baird, Hendley and Duff, Lieutenants Mitchell, Thompson, Colquhoun and Murray, with the Quarter-Master Mr. Duxall, were made prisoners; of which number Captain Duff, Lieutenants Mitchell and Colquhoun, are wounded. All the prisoners who were taken agreed in the intelligence that the enemy had brought over Thirty Thousand Men; and at the same time I received the report that a very considerable body of them, having passed the Meuse between Ruremonde and Venlo, were advancing upon my left flank, and had already taken possession of Cleves.

Under these circumstances, (never having intended to risk an Action in my present position) which I only kept in order to preserve a communication with Grave, and to cover the reparations which were intended to have been made to the fortifications of this place, I determined to pass the Waal, and to take up the different cantonments, which were already marked out for the defence of the river, leaving General Walmoden, with a corps, to cover the town.

Part of the troops began their march yesterday evening, and the remainder this morning, without any molestation from the enemy.

I am, &c.
FREDERICK.

P.S. I am sorry to add, that Lieut. Wadman, of the Light Infantry of the 37th Regiment, who was upon picquet, and had distinguished himself by his intrepidity and prudence, is also dangerously wounded, and was brought in the evening to this town.

Right Hon. H. Dundas,
&c. &c. &c.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 28: The Lord Havers had an audience of The Queen this evening, delivering up the Great Seal and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Lord Chancellor.

The Queen held a Council at 6.15 pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and the Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, MP (Secretary of State for Scotland).

The Lord Mackay of Clashfern received from Her Majesty the Great Seal, took the Oath of Office as Lord Chancellor and kissed hands upon appointment.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new Research Centre and Renal Unit at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Greater Manchester.

Having travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward) and the Chairman, Salford Health Authority (Dr F. Beswick).

The Princess Royal this evening presented prizes to students of Cordwainers' Technical College at the College's Centenary Prizegiving at Guildhall, London EC2, and on completion of the Ceremony attended a reception.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers (Mr C. Willcocks).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Mancroft (formerly Lord in Waiting) which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 27: The Prince of Wales this morning received Sir Alan Dalton and Mr Michael Galsworthy at Highgrove House, Doughton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

His Royal Highness, President, International Council of the United World Colleges, this afternoon visited Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Sir John Riddell, Bt, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

His Royal Highness subsequently at Kensington Palace received Mr and Mrs Victor Chapman.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Metropolitan Police Special Escort Group, Barnes Garage, St Anne's Road, Barnes, SW13.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Birthright, attended a Birthright gala evening at Garrard, 112 Regent Street, London W1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 27: Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 27: The Duchess of Gloucester, President of National Children's Home, was present this morning at a Service of Intercession for NCH "Children in Danger" Campaign at St Paul's Cathedral.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 27: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the opening of the exhibition "Diego Rivera — A Retrospective" at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank Centre, London SE1.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy attended a Reception given by the Palace of Westminster All-Party Ladies Committee, in aid of the Westminster Medical School Research Trust, at Tower Bridge.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were entertained at Dinner by His Excellency the Mexican Ambassador and Señora Angeles Navarrete, on the occasion of the Diego Rivera Exhibition, at 48 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were represented by Major Peter Clarke at the Memorial Service for the Lord Mancroft which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

Service dinner

Army Legal Corps
Major-General M.T. Fugard, Director of Army Legal Services, and officers gave a dinner last night at the HQ Mess, Royal Army Medical Corps, Millbank. General Sir David Mostyn, Colonel Commandant, presided. The guests included Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Mr James Stuart-Smith, Colonel John Bradbeer, Captain Jonathon Langdon and Brigadier Norman Allen.

Lecture

Air League
Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness, Chairman of the Air League, presided at the eighth Andrew Humphrey memorial lecture which was delivered last night at 4 Hamilton Place by the Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Roy Perry, Team Vicar in the Sampford Peverell Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter: to be also Priest-in-charge, Halberton and Ash Thomas, same diocese.

The Rev Nigel Schofield, Parish Priest, Holy Trinity, Sydenham, diocese of Southwark: to be Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

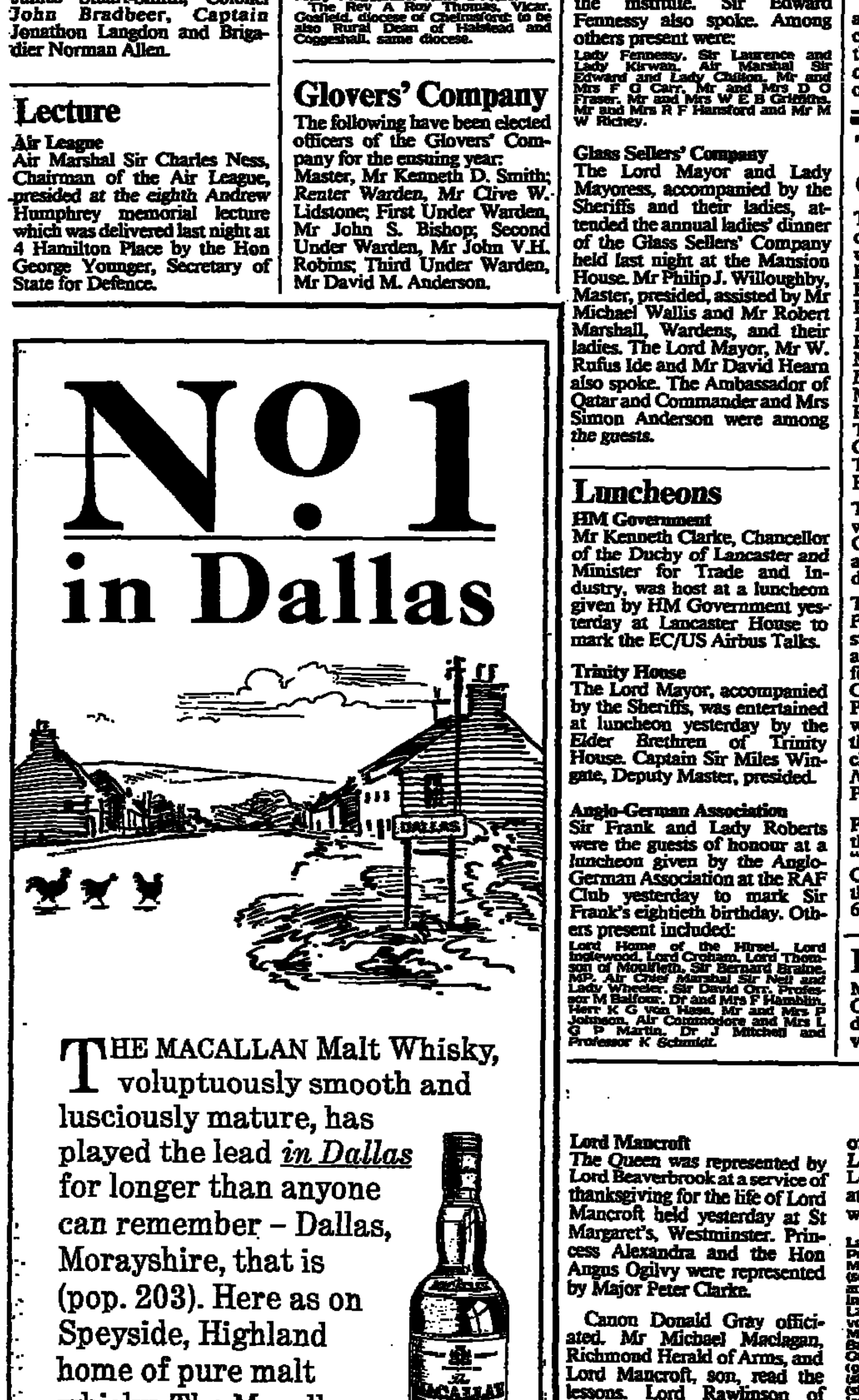
The Rev David Spicer, Curate, St Mary, Richmond, diocese of Southwark: to be Vicar, St Swithun, Hither Green, same diocese.

The Rev David Sutton, Vicar, Calderbrook, St James, diocese of Manchester: to be Vicar, Winton, St Mary Magdalene, same diocese.

The Rev A Roy Thomas, Vicar, Gosfield, diocese of Chelmsford: to be also Rural Dean of Halstead and Coggeshall, same diocese.

Glovers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Glovers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Kenneth D. Smith; Renter Warden, Mr Clive W. Lidstone; First Under Warden, Mr John S. Bishop; Second Under Warden, Mr John V.H. Robins; Third Under Warden, Mr David M. Anderson.



Marriages

The Hon Sir John Baring and Mrs S. Crewe
The marriage of the Hon Sir John Baring and Mrs Sarah Crewe took place on October 27, 1987.

Mr A.N. Colwyn Foulkes and Miss J.E. Rutter
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 24, at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, of Mr Nicholas Colwyn Foulkes, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Colwyn Foulkes, of Colwyn Bay, and Miss Janine Rutter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Rutter, of Durham. Prebendary Kenneth Bowler officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Sarah Hodgson, Poppy Fildes and Rory Mathieson. Mr Richard Fildes was best man.

A reception was held at The Hurlingham Club.

Mr D. Gemmell and Mrs M-A. Warre
The marriage took place on October 19, 1987, between Mr David Gemmell and Mrs Mary-Ann Warre.

Mr C.R. Kingsmill and Miss S.J. Fletcher
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 24, at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, W1, between Mr Charles Kingsmill, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Kingsmill, of Wanstead, London, E11, and Miss Jane Fletcher, daughter of Mr and Mrs Augustus Fletcher, of Snaresbrook, London E18. The Rev Dr Ian Clark officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna King. Mr Ralph Allwood was best man.

The reception was held at the Travellers' Club and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr D.K. Thomas and Miss P.A. Fiddes
The marriage took place on October 24, 1987, in Emanuel School Chapel, London, between Mr David Kenyon Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.K. Thomas, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, and Miss Patricia Amanda Fiddes, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.A. Fiddes, of Stainton in Cleveland.

A reception was held at Le Gothique, London, SW18.

Dinners

Dyfed Lieutenancy
The Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed and Lady Mary Mansel Lewis were entertained at dinner by the Dyfed Lieutenancy last night at the Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelli. Sir Goronwy Daniel, HM Lieutenant, presided.

Royal Institute of Navigation
Mr J.E.D. Williams, President of the Royal Institute of Navigation, accompanied by Mrs Williams, presided at a council dinner held last night at the RAF Club to mark the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the institute. Sir Edward Fennessy also spoke. Among others present were:
Lady Fennessy, Sir Laurence and Lady Kirwan, Air Marshal Sir Edward and Lady Chilton, Mr and Mrs F G Carr, Mr and Mrs D O Fraser, Mr and Mrs W E B Griffiths, Mr and Mrs R F Hansford and Mr M W Richey.

Glass Sellers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies' dinner of the Glass Sellers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Philip J. Willoughby, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Michael Wallis and Mr Robert Marshall, Wardens, and their ladies. The Lord Mayor, Mr W. Rufus Ide and Mr David Hearn also spoke. The Ambassador of Qatar and Commander and Mrs Simon Anderson were among the guests.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Trade and Industry, was host at a luncheon given by HM Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the EC/US Airbus Talks.

Trinity House
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was entertained at luncheon yesterday by the Elder Brethren of Trinity House. Captain Sir Miles Wingate, Deputy Master, presided.

Anglo-German Association
Sir Frank and Lady Roberts were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Anglo-German Association at the RAF Club yesterday to mark Sir Frank's eightieth birthday. Others present included:
Lord Home of the Hirsel, Lord Inglewood, Lord Croham, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Sir David Orr, Professor M Balfour, Dr and Mrs F Hamblin, Herr K G von Hase, Mr and Mrs P Johnson, Air Commodore and Mrs L G P Martin, Dr J Mitchell and Professor K Schmidt.

Forthcoming marriages

Major P.R.C. Flach and Miss S.M. Sharpley
The engagement is announced between Peter Flach, The Royal Hussars (PWO), eldest son of Mr Robert Flach, of Eaton Square, and Mary Lady Crofton, of Gloucester Terrace, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Sharpley, of Burford, Oxford.

Mr K.A.F. Burke and Miss P.J.C. Baker
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Sir Aubrey and Lady Burke, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, and Peta Jacqueline Clare, daughter of Mr Hugh Baker, of Tideswell, Derbyshire, and Mrs Frederick Gordon Salmon, of Southcarr Farm, Cuckney, Nottinghamshire.

Mr R.M. Sater and Miss A.J. Hamilton-Jones
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Sater, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hamilton-Jones, of Dinas Powis, South Glamorgan.

Mr E.R.J. Benson and Miss L. Alderson
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Riou Benson, of Swindon, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Alderson, of Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran.

Mr J.D.P. Blake and Miss C.G.L. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between James, son of Brigadier and Mrs P.J. Blake, of The Old Cottage, Sutton Green, Guildford, and Glynis, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.D.O. Humphreys, of Ringshall, Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.M.R. Gilchrist and Miss C.M. O'Hea
The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Gilchrist, of Sion Hill, Garstang, Lancashire, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan O'Hea, of Torhatch, Shere, Surrey.

Mr C. Wigan and Mrs C. Yates
The engagement is announced between Christopher Wigan, of London, and Christina Yates, of Melbourne.

Mr A.L.W. Parker and Miss K.E. Wright
The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Captain and Mrs V.L. Parker, of Woking, Surrey, and Kate, daughter of Mr R.A. Wright and Mrs J.H. Carr, of Hilton and Grafham, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M.R. Scantlebury and Miss T.S. Ross
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Lester and Kate Scantlebury, and Tessa, only daughter of Leonard and Shannie Ross.

Mr W.P. Sweetenham and Miss C.E. Dewberry
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Walter and Dr Dileas Sweetenham, of Bath, and Carol Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Dewberry, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr S.R.M. Tesh and Miss C.M.M. Hurley
The engagement is announced between Simon Robert Mathieson, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Tesh, of Esher, Surrey, and Caroline Margaret Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.D. Hurley, of Redhill, Surrey and Portsalon, Co Dinegal.

Astronomy

The night sky in November

By Our Astronomy Correspondent

The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Mercury is a morning star rising two hours before the Sun in the middle of the month, with greatest elongation (19deg) on the 13th. Fairly bright but low in the twilight.

Venus is still setting within an hour of sunset and is unlikely to be seen before the end of the month, and then with difficulty at low altitude.

Mars is a morning object in Virgo, rising between 04h and 05h. Just north of Spica on the 12th; Moon near it on the 19th.

Jupiter is still visible in the western sky until about 03h, retrograding in Pisces. Moon near it on the night 3rd-4th.

Saturn will be above the horizon for some hours after sunset for the whole month, but can hardly be considered observable.

Uranus and Neptune likewise remain above the horizon, the latter until the end of the year, but being faint objects are not observable.

The Moon: full, 5d17h; last quarter, 13d15h; new, 21d07h; first quarter, 28d01h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 12d23h and 15d20h; it could still be dim when the sky darkens on the 18th.

November is the month of the Leonid meteors. This meteor stream gives rise to "shooting stars" diverging, as an effect of perspective, from a radiant in the head of Leo, the part often called The Sickle.

It became famous in 1833 when there were too many to count. There was another spectacular display in 1866. Although meteoroids, as the particles in space are called, are scattered along the orbit there is a main bunch with a period of 33 years.

Subsequent returns were disappointing and the stream ceased to be famous, though there was a brilliant display observed from the United States on November 17, 1966.

The Earth will be close to the meteor orbit from the 15th to the 20th with the maximum expected in the early hours of the 18th. There is no point in watching before midnight; they may be bright but probably few. The waning crescent Moon will be rising, but not until 04h on the 18th; before that date it will rise earlier — and in Leo.

Families possessing telescopes or binoculars should look at Jupiter. In the early evening this month its altitude will not be too great for the instrument to be used without dislocating the neck.

Jupiter has four large satellites, of moons, discovered by Galileo in 1610 and visible with almost any optical aid. They form a line with Jupiter and are constantly on the move. Get the children to make a drawing of the pattern, and repeat it on as many evenings as their interest can be maintained. There will not always be four, as they can get behind the planet, or in front of it and difficult to see, or be in the planet's shadow.

For early evening the September map (excluding the Moon) is suitable at the beginning of November and the October one at the end. Draw the children's attention to the square of Pegasus, a better square in the sky than on paper. They should note how it lies with respect to some landmark such as a tree or a neighbour's chimney. This too will change with time. Last month they were invited to note the orientation of the Plough; have another look at that.

The Night Sky 1988, published by Times Books, contains the maps for 1988, notes on the planets, their positions in their orbits, and notes on "the Year in Space". Price £1.95 from booksellers.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, President of Business in the Community, will open the State Mill Centre, Rochdale, at 10.10; will visit Project Fullemploy at 11.35; the Royal Brewery, Mosside, at 12.30; the Mosscare Housing Project, Westwood Street, Mosside, at 12.50; the West Indian Sports and Social Club, Mosside, at 1.05; "Our Africa" Restaurant at 2.20; and the Trafford Park Development Corporation Waterside, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, at 2.45.

The Duchess of York, patron, will attend a gala evening at the Carlton Tower Hotel at 8.00 in aid of the Chemical Dependency Centre.

The Princess Royal, Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend an Airport Management Conference at the Excelsior Hotel, Glasgow, at 12.30; and, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend the performance by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra of *Postively not the Last Night of the Proms* in Liverpool Philharmonic Hall at 7.25.

Princess Alexandra will attend the opening of the exhibition "F.X. Winterhalter and the Courts of Europe 1830-1870" at the National Portrait Gallery at 6.20.

Latest wills

Miss Clare Lawson Dick, of Chelsea, controller of Radio 4 during the mid 1970s, left estate valued at £341,002 net.

Birthdays today

Mr Francis Bacon, artist, 78; Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 82; Mr Carl Davis, composer, 51; Sir Frederick Delve, former chief officer, London Fire Brigade, 85; Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster, 49; Professor Sir Richard Doll, cancer specialist, 75; Sir Ewen Fergusson, diplomat, 55; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 72; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 66; Miss Cleo Laine, singer, 60; the Earl of Lanesborough, 69; Mr Hank Marvin, Shadows' guitarist, 46; Mr Michael Noakes, portrait and landscape painter, 54; Sir Rex Richards, director, Leverhulme Trust, 65; Mr William Rodgers, former MP, 59; Mr Dennis Taylor, snooker player, 39.

University College Oxford

The University College, Oxford, *Record* will be posted to all old members by October 31. Any old member who does not receive a copy is asked to inform the Procurator, University College, of his/her most reliable address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Cornelius Jansen, theologian, Acquoi, Netherlands, 1585; Evelyn Waugh, London, 1903.

DEATHS: John Locke, philosopher, Oates, Essex, 1704; David Jones, writer and artist, Harrow, 1974.

Collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, 1929.

Service of thanksgiving

National Children's Home
The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, attended a service of thanksgiving held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral for the home's work with children in danger.

The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr William Davies, President of the Methodist Conference. Viscount Tonypandy, Chairman of the NCH, was the preacher. Mrs Maddy Prior and Mr Ralph McTell sang *Streets of London*.

The Hon Angus Ogilvy and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Richard Saunders, attended. The Crown Prince of Jordan was represented by the Jordanian Ambassador, who was accompanied by Mrs Butros. Among others present were:
The Earl of Stockton, the Countess of Lovelace, Lord and Lady Murray of Epping Forest, Lord and Lady Luke, the Rev Lord Soper, Lord Barnett, Lord Caradon, Lord Shaughnessy, Lady Soames, Lady Lucas of Chilworth, Mrs Shirley Williams, Lady Henrietta St George, the Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, Sir Peter Lane, Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Mr Ian Taylor, MP, and the Hon Mrs Taylor.
Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Mr Jeffrey Archer, Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson, Mr Derek Hunt, Mr Desmond Wilcox and Miss Esther Rantzen, Miss Diane Keen, Mr Bill Buckley, Miss Penelope Keith, Miss Anna Raeburn, Miss Gill Gascoigne, Miss Doris Hare, Miss Geraldine Allen, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Miss Hilary Arstrong, MP, Mr Jack Aspinall, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP.

Little Ship Club

The following have been elected officers of the Little Ship Club: President, Sir Owen Aisher; Commodore, Mr Richard Head.

Memorial service

Lord Mancroft
The Queen was represented by Lord Beaverbrook at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Mancroft held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were represented by Major Peter Clarke.

Canon Donald Gray officiated. Mr Michael Maclagan, Richmond Herald of Arms, and Lord Mancroft, son, read the lessons. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, gave an address. The Rev Patrick Revell and Rabbi Julia Neuberger led the prayers. The Right Rev Launcelot Fleming pronounced the blessing.

Mr Michael Chance sang *Thou shalt bring them in*. Lord Mancroft's medals were borne in procession by Beatrice von Preussen, Olympia Nuttall and Miranda Barker, granddaughters. The Lord President of the Council, the Speaker, Lord Home of the Hirsel and the Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Lady Mancroft (widow), Prince and Princess Nicholas von Preussen and Mr and the Hon Mrs Simon Dickinson (sons-in-law and daughters), Viscount and Viscountess Wimborne (stepson-in-law and stepdaughter), Miranda Lady Nuttall (stepdaugther), Florence von Preussen, Captain Grant Barker, Mr George Barker, Miss Samantha Barker, Camilla Barker, the Hon Ilona Guest and Gytha and Amber Nuttall (grandchildren), Harry Nuttall (stepgrandson), the Hon Mrs Cal Holm (sister), Mrs Robert Aldridge (sister-in-law), Mrs Jane Page, Mrs Gavin Anderson, Miss Unity Barnes, Mr and Mrs John Aldridge, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Garthwaite, Mr and Mrs Andrew Page, Mrs Georgina Ivor, Sir Anthony and Lady Caro.

Mr and Mrs Vane Ivanovic, the Duke of Portland, the Duchess of Leinster, Margaret Duchess of Argyll, the Marquess of Worcester, Rosemary Marchioness Camden, Earl Fortescue, Viscount Leverhulme, Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Viscount Long, Viscount Ward of Witley, Viscount Strathallan, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne (also representing the Primrose League), Lord and Lady Colnbrook, Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, Lord Southborough, Lord Mottistone, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Terrington, Lord Beloff, Lord Kinnaird, Baroness Young, Lady Holderness, Lord McFadzean, Lady Barnby, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (also representing the Association of Conservative Peers) and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Fairfax of Cameron, Sonia Lady Fairfax of Cameron.

Lord Denham (Chief Whip in the House of Lords), Lord Windlesham, Lord Ampthill, Lord and Lady Cullen of Ashbourne, Lord Wyatt of Weeford (chairman, Horserace Totalisator Board), Denise Lady Kilmarnock, Lord Newall, Lord Marley, Lord Savile, Lady Carrington, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord and Lady Buckhurst, Lord Aberdare, Lord Reigate, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Sherfield, Lord and Lady Rootes, Lord Broxbourne, QC, Lord Nugent of Guildford, Lady Rawlinson of Ewell, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Porritt, Lord Belhaven and Stenton, Lord Greenway, Lord Aldington, Lord Henderson of Brompton.

Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Lady Anne Somerset, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Mrs Jeremy Soames, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Simon and Mrs Orr-Ewing, Major and the Hon Mrs John Wills, the Hon David Russell, Sir Guy and Lady Holland, Sir Toby and Lady Clarke, Helen Lady Broughton, Lady Meyer, Sir Richard and Lady Lloyd, Sir John Tilney, Sir Antony Part, Sir William van Straubenzee, Sir John Barnes, Sir Brian and Lady Batsford, General Sir Harry Tuzo, Sir Paul Wright, Sir David and Lady Wolfson, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Sir Gilbert Longden, Lady Bowker, Lady (Peter) Foster, Dame Margot Smith, General Sir Thomas Morony (Master Gunner, St James's Park), Sir Hugh and Lady Brassey, Sir Henry Marking, Sir Anthony and Lady Kershaw, Major-General Sir Peter Gillett, Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Chant-Sempill and Lady Sempill, Mr and the Hon Mrs Joseph Rank.

Baroness von Westenholz, Baron Vaes, Baroness Eugenie de Rothschild, Vicomtesse d'Orthez, Mr Reresby Sitwell, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Mr Michael Denison and Miss Dulcie Gray, Mr William Foster, Mr Anthony McNulty, Mrs Penelope de Laszlo, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mr H V Hodson, Mr Leonard Salzer, Mr George Doughty, Miss Samantha Cope, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Knight, Mrs J Lloyd, Mr Robert de Stacpoole, Mrs Mark Harford, Mr and Mrs David Coleridge, Mrs M Maclagan.

Mr Bernard Sullivan (secretary, Society of London Toastmasters), Mr Tristram Ricketts (Horserace Betting Levy Board), Major-General J H S Mahury (senior steward, National Greyhound Racing Club) with Mr F J Underhill (secretary) and Brigadier John Clifford; Colonel R F Smalles (HQ DRA) with Colonel R T Pearson; Mr F J Whitworth (deputy director-general, General Council of British Shipping), Mr Donald Ramsbottom (Group 4 Total Security), Mr Emmanuel Franks (vice-chairman, Restaurateurs Association), Miss Phyllis Gray, Mrs Gaby Schreiber, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Talbot Hainault, Mr Philip Hamond-Moore, Mrs Richard Quarry, Mrs Mancroft Page, Major-General R S Broke and Brigadier Denis Fitzgerald.

OBITUARY

MR J. A. RATCLIFFE

Radio waves and radar

Mr J. A. (Jack) Ratcliffe, CB, CBE, FRS, whose researches into radio wave propagation paid major dividends during the war, particularly in the effectiveness of radar, died on October 25. He was 84.

John Ashworth Ratcliffe was born at Rawtenstall, Lancashire, on December 12, 1902. He was educated at Giggleswick School and at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where he excelled as a very gifted research student specialising in physics. He worked closely with E. V. (later, Sir Edward) Appleton, who was responsible for the first clear experimental demonstration that the ionosphere exists and reflects radio waves. This was in 1925, and Ratcliffe knew all about these experiments and was often consulted.

In 1926, he moved to Pembroke College, but he returned to Sidney Sussex in the following year, was elected a fellow of the college and given a post at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge.

Ratcliffe's reputation as a brilliant researcher quickly grew. The mystery of why radio waves fade was a subject which occupied most of his scientific life. He sought an answer by studying irregularities and movements in the ionosphere, and how it was affected by the earth's magnetic field. In this subject — known as magneto ionic theory — Ratcliffe was an expert and he published, first, a paper on it in 1932 and then a book on it in 1959, which is still widely used.

He also worked on the design of radio aerials as well as the use of radio pulses for studying the ionosphere. The importance of all this became apparent when radar came into its own during the war.

On the outbreak of war itself, Ratcliffe went to the Radar Research Establishment, at Malvern; but he was soon seconded to found the Army Radar School at Petersham, which trained operators and maintained close contact with men in the field, so that invaluable practical experience could be passed back to the research establishment: in effect, drawing board plans became realities.

Once the school was running smoothly, he was recalled to Malvern to undertake a somewhat similar task.

Throughout the war he was closely concerned with the development of radar. He led a group of many hundreds of scientists in the writing of training manuals, the testing of new equipment, and the running of courses for RAF personnel. He also set up a radar school in anti-aircraft command to help the guns of London to find their targets by radar.

After the war he returned to Cambridge where he concentrated on the then novel field of radio astronomy, and was largely responsible for getting the radio astronomy group going under Sir Martin Ryle. He studied the effects of solar radiation, including its ultraviolet and X-ray components, and of eclipses.

He was thus well qualifiedfor his new post, in 1960, as director of the Radio and Space Research Station at Slough. Much of his energies was swallowed up with paperwork; but he did not let this numb his mind, and he was quick to exploit the facilities offered by joint scientific satellite ventures between this country and America.

In 1966, he retired and returned to Cambridge. A decade later he received the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Ratcliffe was one always to emphasise the importance of the experimental aspect of physics and tended to be supicious of anything mathematical unless he could put a physical model to it. As a lecturer, he was lucid and informative.

In 1930, he married Nora Disley, who died before him. There were two daughters of the marriage, one of whom survives him.

MR VIJAY MERCHANT

Mr Vijay Merchant, outstanding world class Indian batsman, and an elder statesman of the sport in his own country, died yesterday in Bombay. He was 76.

In a career stretching from 1929 until 1951, his first class average of 71.22 ranks second only to Australian Sir Donald Bradman's 95.14.

He scored 13,248 first class runs with 44 centuries and a highest score of 359 not out. He played all his ten Test Matches against England, from 1933 to 1951, and many believed him to have been India's finest ever opening batsman in technique and shot-making. He scored three Test centuries, with a highest of 154.

Vijay Madhavji Merchant was born in Bombay on October 12, 1911. At the age of eighteen he played for the Hindus in the Bombay Tournament, and was first seen in England in the tour of 1936. In the Manchester Test Match he scored a century, finishing the season with an aggregate of 1745 runs — an outstanding achievement in a wet summer.

By 1946 he was recognised as one of the sport's great batsmen — a reputation which he confirmed when he came over that year to England and scored 2385 runs with an average of 74.53, including 128 in the Oval Test — an extraordinary tally in what was yet another soggy summer.

In his last Test Match — against England at New Delhi, in 1951/2 — he made his highest Test score of 154, going on with Hazare to add 211, at that time the highest Indian partnership record against an English side. Earlier, in 1943, he had made 359 not out against Maharashtra at Bombay; in the course of this innings he and R. S. Modi put on 371 for the sixth wicket.

Merchant stood only 5-feet 7-inches tall, yet fine footwork made up for lack of stature, and he had command of every type of stroke — his cutting being especially severe.

His charming and unassuming manners won him regard in every country in which he played. A student of the game, he once wrote in *Wisden's Almanack*: "Big scores do not constitute high-class batting" — a remark that some critics of cricket might do well to note.

He continued to be active in the game as a selector and administrator. He also commentated on the sport on the wireless.

His wife died before him. He is survived by their son and daughter.

THE WALI OF SWAT

Wali Miangul Jahan Zeb, the last Wali of Swat, died on September 14.

His twenty-year tenure as ruler of the principality, from 1949 to 1969, is now viewed as having been the Golden Age of Swat. With energy and passion he supervised the building of schools, hospitals, and roads, and performed a multitude of other tasks for the benefit of his people.

Swat — on the North West Frontier — was envied for many things, but perhaps it was alone in being completely free of practising lawyers. The Wali heard all cases, perhaps as many as eighty a day, and his judgment was final.

When Pakistan was created in 1947 the principality willingly acceded to it. Two years later, the old Wali, Badshah Sahib, stepped down in favour of his son, Jahan Zeb, and returned to a life of prayer.

The new Wali dealt with affairs of state personally. He was known to deal with hundreds of files in a day, and was prepared to listen to any of his subjects. Supplicants had only to send in their cards.

To the end, he remained a confirmed and unabashed Anglophile: in dress, deportment and behaviour. His three-course meals were standard English fare, starting with Mulligatawny soup and ending with apple pudding. His appearance was Westernised — cleanshaven, felt hats, ties and English suits. But he never missed one of the five daily prayers or a fast during the month of fasting. He lived according to a set and unbending schedule. He was a forceful personality.

The Wali remained aloof from Pakistan politics, although he maintained important connections through his family, some of whom sat in that country's assemblies. When he handed Swat over to Pakistan, in 1969, he voluntarily surrendered his offices, land and transport.

The only regret that he was known to have expressed about the handing over, with sorrow in his voice, was the indiscriminate cutting down of the olive trees after they became government property. He had imported them from Italy and had tended them with care.

Alas, since its absorption by the state, law and order in Swat has deteriorated, with lootings, kidnappings and murder more common. The world of the twentieth-century is everywhere symbolised by the presence of the video-cassette recorder and a rifle in almost every home.

In the eyes of his people, in an age of pygmies, a giant has just passed away.

Mr Ivan Beshoff, who died in Dublin on October 25, at the age of 104, was believed to have been the last survivor of the Russian battleship *Potemkin*, whose crew mutinied in 1905.

Beshoff went to Ireland in 1913 and joined the IRA. He later went into the fish trade, and his family ran a number of fish and chip shops in Dublin.

He leaves fours sons, a daughter, and eighteen grandchildren.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

St. John 14: 27

BIRTHS

BRANNAN - On October 19th 1987, to Susan (née Caine) and Edward, a son, Alexander Marc.

BUCHANAN - On October 23rd, at Kingston Hospital, Surrey, to Laura (née Willcocks) and James, a son, Benjamin James Kenneth.

CAMPBELL - On October 15th, 1987 at Westminster Hospital, London SW1 to Annie (née Gifford) and Noel, a son, Michael James.

CHAMPNESS - On October 24th, 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Anne (née Smith) and Peter, a son, John Philip Hugo (Jack).

EAGAR - On October 23rd, at St John's Chelmsford, to Pauline (née Lansdell), and David, a daughter, Joanna Pauline.

EDNEY - On October 22nd to Patricia (née Waller) and John Robert of Sheffield, a son George Kenneth Eric.

ELLIS - On October 25th, at Queens Medical Centre Nottingham to Susan (née Hitchcock) and Peter, twin boys, Phillip Henry and Nicholas Paul brothers to Richard and Matthew.

GOLDIE-SCOT - On October 23rd, in Basingstoke to Barbara (née Magan) and Hamish, a daughter, Sarah Joy, a sister for Matthew.

HART - On October 26th, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Jean and John, a daughter. Sister to Nicky, Sara and Julia.

JONES - On October 4th to Marion (née Gordon) and Terence, a son, Timothy Livingstone.

LANCASTER - On October 26th, to Judy and Richard, a son, Henry.

LENNAN - On October 20th, to Kathy (née Coppock) and Tony, a daughter, Rachel, a sister for Ben.

LLOYD - On October 27th, to Karen (née Jeffaries) and Nigel a daughter Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Kathryn and Charles.

McCARTHY - On October 23rd, at Watford General Hospital, to Jennifer and Shaun, a daughter, Emma.

McLAREN - On 21st October, to Caroline (née Stacey) and Michael, a son, Angus John Melville.

McNULTY - On October 21st 1987, at Royal United Hospital, Bath to Dermot and Fiona a son, Myles Henry.

RAY - On October 26th, in St Pauls Hospital, Hemel Hempstead, to Sally (née Baish) and Robert, a son, Jonathan Robert.

REEVE - On October 21st, at the Buchanan, Hastings, to Penny (née Owen) and Jesse, a daughter.

SCOTT - On October 2nd, to Oona (née Johnson) and Jeremy, a daughter, Clare Louise, a sister for Katharine.

SOTA - On October 16th, to Amelia (née Little) and Raffi, a daughter, Francesca Victoria, a sister for Arabella.

SPYROU - On October 23rd 1987, in New York to Amanda (née Annicos) and George, a son, Peter Andreas Rankin.

STUART-WORTLEY-HUNT - On October the 9th to Lady Rowena and John, a son Somerset Carlton Gerald.

THIESSEN-FREEMAN - On October 27th, to Ulrike and Malcolm, a son, Tobias Christian, a brother for Nikolas.

VANTREEN - On October 25th, to Sarah (née Warner) and Stephen, a daughter Charlotte Mary, a sister for Thomas and Edward.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On October 26th, peacefully in Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Edward Willoughby (Ted), aged 66, of Great Bookham, formerly editor of the Surrey Advertiser. Cremation private. Memorial service to be announced later. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o I. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8ND.

ALLDERIDGE - On October 20th, peacefully in hospital Col. Cecil Gordon Allderidge TD, aged 88. Loved husband of Helen, brother of Marjorie and Denys, father of Michael and Patricia, father-in-law of Eve, grandfather of Stephen, Roderick and William.

AMIAS - On October 27th 1987, Sophie (née Israel), deeply mourned by her husband Mons, daughter Cynthia Shiloh, son Alan, brothers Cecil and Jack Israel and their families. Prayers at Flat 5, 72 Courtfield Gardens, SW5. Gloucester Road station (District/Circle lines).

BARNES - On 26th October, peacefully at Bon Secour Nursing Home, Sheila McIntosh. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Bourne Street, SW1, at 11am Friday October 30th. Private cremation, donations to Bon Secour Nursing Home.

BARR-SIM - On October 25th, peacefully, Irvine Edward. Much loved husband of Eileen, father of Helen, Kate and Alan. Funeral at Lympsham Parish Church, November 2nd 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Diabetic Research Fund.

BEAGLEY - On October 26th, peacefully at St Raphael's Hospice, Cheam, Joan Edith Beagley of Cheam, previously of Fetcham. Mother of Leanda Hargreaves and Christopher Beagley. Funeral at St Dunstan's Church, Cheam Village, 11.30am Tuesday November 3rd. Followed by committal at Randalls Park Crematorium at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to St Raphael's Hospice, to whom we are grateful, or Cancer Research. Enquiries to Truelove & Son, Tel: 01 642 8211.

BEAN - On October 26th 1987, at Berkhamstead, Tilly Bean (formerly Leibholz) much loved wife of Denis and mother of Jane. Private cremation. No flowers please donations to spastic society.

BERNBAUM - On October 14th 1987, suddenly in hospital after a short illness, Louise Frank of William Mews, London. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond, Surrey at 12 noon, on 2nd November. Enq. J.H.Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row SW1. Tel 018344624.

CASSELS - On October 22nd, tragically at Goodwood Circuit, Sussex, Jane Mhora, aged 20, Queensferry Road, Edinburgh. Formerly of St. Denis School, and lately Trinity College, Dublin. The affectionate and greatly loved daughter of Anne and Alasdair (Sandy), the closest of sisters to Martin and Gerard. Requiem mass to be celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Leith Street, Edinburgh at 10am on Saturday 31st October, followed by funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Main Chapel at 11am. Family flowers only please.

CHARITY - On October 24th, peacefully in hospital, Irene of Belgrave Court, London. Beloved by George, Kate and Ruth Charity and her family and friends. Funeral at Malt Lake Crematorium, on Wednesday November 4th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C.

COLLOMS - On October 25th, Albert Lionel, aged 85. Much loved husband of Brenda and beloved father of Michael, and Martin.

COMBE - On Monday October 26th 1987, Harvey Christian Rupert Peter of Scardroy, Strathconon, beloved husband of Carola and adored father of Karina, Tabitha and Matthew. Funeral to take place on Saturday October 31st at 3 pm at Scardroy, Strathconon.

CROSBIE - On October 26th 1987, at Kirklands, Logie Coldstone, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire. Surgeon Captain John Henry Brenell Crosbie, C.B.E., Royal Navy (retired), aged 90, beloved husband of Aagot (Tava) Crosbie. Funeral at St Thomas's Episcopal Church, Aboyne on Friday 30th October, at 2.00pm followed by private Cremation.

GALBRAITH - On October 22nd, peacefully, in his 90th year, Dr Archibald Lyle, Worcester, much loved husband of the late Norah and dear father of Jim, Jocelyn and Jennifer. Grandfather of Pippa, Kim and Louise and great grandfather of Laura, William and Sophie. Service at St. John's Parish Church, Worcester at 10.30 am on Monday 2nd November. Family flowers only. Collection and any donations or cheques to St John's Church Council in the aid of the fabric of St John's Church, to the Vicar, 143 Malvern Rd, Worcester.

HILKEN - On October 25th 1987, in Cambridge, Edith Barkley. Cremation private. Memorial Service Toppesfield, Essex, 11.30am Saturday 31st October. No flowers, donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Nat West Bank, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge.

HOARE - On September 14th 1987, peacefully in Knysna, South Africa, Gladys Mary, daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs A.R. Hoare, of Colkirk, Norfolk.

HOBBS - On October 23rd, at Monmouth Hospital, Vera, aged 89 years of Osbaston, Monmouth. Only daughter of Francis Hobbs J.P. of Monmouth. A loved aunt and great great aunt. Will be sadly missed by the family. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, on Friday, October 30th at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Hereford. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for St. Mary's Church, Monmouth may be given at The Service or sent to The Spencer Funeral Service, 16 Glendower Street, Monmouth.

JOWITT - On October 26th, peacefully at Avondale Residential home, Jesmond, New-Castle-upon-Tyne, (Moya) Mary Caroline Benson, aged 86 years. Younger daughter of the late Jack and Rinah Jowitt of New Zealand. Much loved aunt of John, David, Bill and Barbara. Funeral service at St George's Church, Jesmond on Friday October 30th at 2.30pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to:- The Oxford Group, (Moral re Armament), 12 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JF.

KIDD - On October 24th, at his home in Chichester, Joseph Goronwy MC, FPS, aged 76 formerly of Singapore and Bombay.

LOW - On October 23rd 1987, peacefully, David Brown BEM of Hundon, Suffolk. Greatly loved husband of Mollie, father and grandfather. Funeral at Hundon Parish Church, 2.30 pm, Friday October 30th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

MANSFIELD - On October 26th, Frederick Quentin, M.B.E., of Peacehaven, aged 91 years. Beloved father of Peter and Dede. Much loved grandfather of Susan, David and Henri and loving great grandfather. Funeral Service at The Church of St. Laurence, Telscombe Village on Friday, October 30th at 12.00 noon. Flowers and enquiries to J. Wagstaff Ltd, 227 South Coast Road, Peacehaven. Telephone 2188

McEWAN - On October 24th 1987, Florence, of Virginia Water, Surrey. Devoted wife of the late Donald, mother of Joyce, grandmother of Simon and Duncan. Funeral at Christchurch, Virginia Water, on November 2nd, at 11am. Flowers to F. Harrison, Funeral Directors, Englefield Green, Surrey.

NAPIER - On October 24th, James Murray Napier OBE, aged 92 years. Beloved husband of Margaret Jean Davidson and loving father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service later.

NEELY - On October 24th 1987, Evelyn Arundell (née Leakey) wife of the Late Col. T.E. Neely V.D. Auxiliary Force (India). Late of Little Baddow, Essex. Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother. Funeral on November 3rd at 2.15pm at St Michael's Church, Heckfield, Hants, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. or Josephine Butler Society, enquiries to A.W. Goddard. Tel: (Fleet) 616431. Interment of ashes at The Church of St Mary The Virgin, Little Baddow, November 5th at 10am.

O'DONOVAN - On October 26th, Anne of Epsom, Surrey. Funeral November 6th, 11.00 am, at St Joseph's Church, Heathcote Road, Epsom.

PATTLE - On October 21st 1987, peacefully, James Ernest, aged 64 years. Brother of the late Richard and the late Thomas Pattle.

PENN - On October 22nd, Lucie (née Street), widow of Lt. Col. Peter Penn, mother of Bruce and Andrew Paterson. Funeral High Hurstwood, Friday October 30th 2.30pm. Donations to: Men of the Trees, c/o Fuller and Scott, Uckfield, Sussex.

PHILLIPS - On October 26th 1987, suddenly at home, Esmee Mary, of Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, Cornwall, wife of the late Arthur Reginald Phillips, mother of Anthony and Angela, and grandmother of Tamsin, Veryan, Christopher, James and Lucy. Funeral service at Mawnan Parish Church, Falmouth, Thursday October 29th at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Falmouth Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

RATCLIFFE - On October 26th, 1987, at his home John (Jack) Ashworth, aged 84, husband of the late Nora, father of Margaret and the late Joan, father-in-law of Noel and grand-father of Sarah, Ruth, Frances and Timothy. Funeral Service at Round Church, Cambridge on Wednesday 4th November at 10.15am. Family flowers only.

ROBINSON MACLAINE - On October 24th, suddenly in hospital after a long illness, Joan, widow of Bill, much loved mother of Valerie, Audrey, Gale, Marigold, and Avril, and her ten grand-children. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Essex Naturalist Trust, c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 13/15 Market Hill, Maldon, Essex. Tel 0621 58578

SAKER - On October 19th, in Crawley hospital, after an illness bravely borne, Stella, wife of the late Group Captain, H J Saker, and mother of Bob, (deceased) and Myles. Cremation has Already taken place. Donations if desired can be sent to St.Peter's restoration fund, Cowfold.

SCHUSTER - On October 21st, 1987, after a long illness, peacefully at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, Francis E. aged 62. Younger son of the late Dr. Richard and Annie Schuster, brother of Henry and Uncle of Dominic and Antonia. Funeral Service at St. Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, London SW3 on Monday, November 2nd at 3.00pm. Private cremation, family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to ARMS, (Action Research Multiple Sclerosis), 4A Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex.

SCOTT - On October 22nd 1987, Taylor Humphrey, aged 40 years, dear husband of Margaret and father of Duncan and Taylor. The Funeral Service takes place at St Nicholas Church, Cranleigh on Friday October 30th at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please donations, if desired, for The Royal Naval Benevolent Fund, c/o Pimms Funeral Services, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford. Telephone 0483-67594.

SELLERS - On October 26th, peacefully at St. Margaret's Hospice, Taunton, Irene, aged 93 years. Widow of the late Canon R.V. Sellers, mother of Rosemary and Susan. Private Cremation. A Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Wedmore, on Friday 30th October, at 2.30 pm. Interment of ashes at Wells Cathedral, on Saturday October 31st at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for St. Margaret's Hospice, C/o: T. Wicks & Son, 13 Sadler Street, Wells. (Tel 78884).

STEINER - On October 26th 1987, after a long illness, George. Beloved husband of Marianne, father of Michael and grandfather. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Monday November 2nd 2pm. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to: Amnesty International, 1 Easton Street, WC1.

TANNER - On October 25th, at his home, after an illness born with courage and dignity, John Denys, beloved husband of Pat, father of Louise, Katie and Susan. Funeral Service at the Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire on Friday October 30th at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations at church for the Priory, or send to Salvation Army, 101 Queen Victoria St. London EC4P 4EP.

TULETT - On October 26th, 1987, peacefully at home, Michael Gallagher aged 56, beloved father of Jonathon, Malcolm, Paul and Anthony. Funeral Monday 2nd November, 1.00pm at Kingston Crematorium. Enq. 01 399 2050.

van GRUTTEN - On October 24th at Tunbridge Wells, W.N.C van Grutten OBE MC MA(Winch), formerly of Cambridge. Devoted husband of the late Enid and father of the late John. Funeral enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, Tunbridge Wells 22452.

VOLLAM - On October 23rd 1987, Eleanor (née Davis) beloved wife of Harman and mother of Anne, peacefully in her sleep in her 90th year. Funeral Service at St Martin's-by-Looe Church, Looe, Cornwall, Thursday 29th October at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, Devon at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu, to The Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, c/o The Midland Bank, East Looe, Cornwall.

WEBBER - On October 24th, in Cambridge, peacefully after a short illness, Arthur Frederick, husband of the late Margaret Randall Webber, father of Binnie and Jane, grandfather of Rachel, Joseph, Jane, Adrian, Mariana and Andrew. Donations if desired to the Additional Curates Society, 264A Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham B8 2XS.

WILKINSON - On October 26th 1987, Francis William MM,MA ('Wilky' of Kings School, Ely, Cambs, C.C. and F.A., MCC and Corinthians), peacefully at home, 43 Cambridge Road, Ely. Aged 92. Loved and loving husband of Phyllis and the late Hilda. Private cremation and family flowers only, but donations if desired to Kings School, Ely towards replacing trees lost in the recent storm.

WILKINSON - On October 25th, Suddenly in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn, Desmond, beloved husband of Daphne Jennie, loving father of Judith, Andy, Sally and Nick, a loving pappa and grandad. Loved father-in-law of Charlie, Stevie, Gary and Karen. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, North Creake, Norfolk on Saturday October 31st at 11.30 am followed by burial. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for the Hospital and Fakenham Surgery Fund c/o Canler & Son, Highfield Road, Fakenham, Norfolk.

WILLIAMS - On October 24th 1987, peacefully at home, Irene Elizabeth, much loved mother of Bonnie. Funeral service, Hastings Crematorium, Friday 30th October at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but, if desired, donations for Hastings Lifeboat maybe sent to A.C. Towner Ltd., 2-8 Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

YOUNG - On October 25th 1987, peacefully at home Eric William, aged 91 of Childerstone, Liphook. Much loved husband of Olive. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Milland at 12 noon on Monday November 2nd. Family flowers only to:- Harris & Barnes, 28 Haslemere Road, Liphook.

YOUNG - On October 25th 1987, after a long illness, Joyce Mariam, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Arthur Melville. Beloved wife of Lt. Gen. Sir David Young and much loved mother of Melville and Peter. Funeral at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh on Thursday October 29th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Alzheimers Disease Society. Alban Place, Edinburgh. No letters please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

d'AVIGDOR-GOLDSMID - A Memorial Service for Major General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid Bt., C.B., O.B.E., M.C. will be held at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, London W1, on Wednesday November 4th at 12 noon.

HARRIS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Frederick Leonard Heath Harris, M.B.E., will be held at St. Lukes Parish Church, Grayshott, Hampshire on Monday 2nd November 1987 at 2.30pm.

HOWARD - A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lt. Cmdr. the Hon. Greville Howard, VRD, RNR, will be held on Tuesday, Nov 10, 1987, at 3 pm at the Church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, London E.C.3.

SAPIEHA - A mass in Thanksgiving for the life of Prince Paul Sapieha will be held at St. Etheldreda's, 14 Ely Place, Holborn, on Monday, November 2nd at 6.30pm.

SUTCLIFFE - A Memorial Service for Mrs Brenda Sutcliffe, wife of the Reverend Canon Tom Sutcliffe, will be held at St Margarets Church, Westminster. On Saturday 14th November 1987 at 3pm.

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RELIGIOUS PRESS GROUP, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Convenor of the Religious Press Group, held a luncheon on Friday 23rd October 1987 for representatives of the religious press and media at Hillel House, 1/2 Endsleigh Street, London WC1.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES has changed its name to the Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, with the consent of the Royal Patrons and the Privy Council.
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BIRTHDAYS

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"ANTHONY EDEN" - ROBERT RHODES JAMES

Certain references to Sir Anthony Nutting in Weidenfeld & Nicholson's publication "ANTHONY EDEN" by Robert Rhodes James have prompted Sir Anthony Nutting to make this reply for the Historical Record.

1) The author states on Page 615 that Eden (by then Lord Avon) "....had in his possession documents which, if revealed, would have done him (Nutting) great harm". Sir Anthony Nutting is satisfied beyond argument that neither his reputation nor his integrity could have been damaged in any way whatsoever by any acts of his as Minister of State for Foreign Affairs or any documents which may have been in the possession of Lord Avon or any other person.

2) The Author attributes to Eden on Page 571 the supposition that Sir Anthony Nutting resigned from the Government in October 1956 because he had "....succumbed to pressure.....". Sir Anthony Nutting's resignation at the time of the Suez Affair was not precipitated by any pressure upon him from any quarter, public or private. There was no inconsistency between his denunciations of Nasser and his subsequent resignation from Eden's Government. Sir Anthony Nutting's resignation was purely a matter of conscience and principle following his unwillingness to become a party to the proposed conspiracy between France, Israel and Britain whereby Israel was to be invited to attack Egypt to enable an Anglo-French force to intervene and occupy the Suez Canal on the pretext of protecting the Canal from damage. Any suggestion that Sir Anthony Nutting has distorted his own version of events to present the impression of consistency is entirely untrue.

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Science report

Brown coal restores fertility to sterile soil

By Andrew Wiseman

Russians scientists have devised a way of restoring fertility to over-cultivated and sterile soil by the application of a balanced mixture of brown coal and bio-engineered micro-organisms.

This surprisingly simple and effective solution to a problem, which the Soviet experts say faces many countries, has been evolved by the Krasnoyarsk Research Institute in the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic.

Microbiologists at the institute picked on brown coal to replace exhausted humus not because of any miraculous qualities of this fossil fuel, but because there was an abundance of it in the Kansk-Achinsk coal basin, where they worked.

Basically, an ideal cycle in nature is one in which a plant takes nutrients from the earth, grows and — having died — returns them to the soil. Various micro-organisms then seed on the decaying vegetation, turning it into compounds to sustain the next generation of crops and trees.

But, if more is taken out of the soil than is put back, the land will ultimately die, and expensive artificial fertilizers must regularly be applied for crops to grow. The Soviet researchers set themselves the task of restoring humus, rich in natural fertilizers, without the intervention of man-made chemicals.

Brown coal, they argued, was a mineral formed by fossilized vegetation remains. It contained all the necessary ingredients for successful agriculture or horticulture: carbon, nitrogen and other natural chemicals, only lacking vital organic matter. Some years ago the Krasnoyarsk microbiologists decided to try their hand at converting brown coal into organically rich earth, by breeding micro-organisms which would feed on brown coal.

Their experiments were successful and they are now able to produce artificial soil with all the qualities of natural earth. Their method, precise details of which have not yet been revealed, consisted of placing brown coal in a steel tank, filling it with water and adding micro-organisms to the solution. It took six hours for this mixture to be turned into a dark substance, with a consistency of sour cream. The Russians have called it "chernozem", or "black earth", which is naturally found in the most fertile agriculture lands of the Soviet Union.

It is claimed that this artificial soil also accelerates the growth and increases yields of flowers and vegetables: In one experimental greenhouse flowers grown in "chernozem" bloomed almost one month earlier, and cucumber harvests were nearly doubled: the micro-organisms appeared to do the same job as their natural equivalents, only that much quicker.

Horticulture

Growers defy the elements to stage show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Despite considerable hurricane damage, many exhibitors have staged spectacular displays of foliage, berries and flowers at the Royal Horticultural Society's late autumn show, which opened yesterday at Westminster.

A display of short pot chrysanthemums in many colours was salvaged from demolished polythene greenhouses by Home Meadows Nursery, of Martlesham, Suffolk, and look in pristine condition.

P. J. Seabrook, of Chelmsford, Essex, is also showing the same type of chrysanthemum, which makes very bushy plants covered in small flowers.

Peter Seabrook is featuring the crimson variety "Gimpel" (Bullfinch"). For addresses of garden centres who supply these comparatively new chrysanthemums, write to R. A. Meredith and Son, Fretherne Nurseries, Saul, Gloucester, GL2 7JF.

Among other autumnal exhibits, Chris Bowers, of Wimbotsham, Norfolk, is showing a red-fruited crab apple, *Malus robusta*, on a dwarfing rootstock, which will ensure a tree of suitable size for small gardens. Burncoose and Southdown Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, are featuring a Kaffir lily (schizostylis) in their gold-medal exhibit, called "Sunrise", with ultra-large, peach pink flowers.

Not all exhibits have an autumnal theme, though. There is a display of large specimen cacti, grown by Southfield Nurseries, of Grimsby, South Humberside, which includes a fur-covered *Espostoa* looking remarkably like a yeti. H.R. Jeffs and G. Southon, of Nutfield, Surrey, are showing succulent echeverias for foliage effect, ranging in colour from grey, through all shades of green to purple. They gained a gold medal.

Highly colourful is the RHS tree and shrub competition, most classes being won by Lord Aberconway and the National Trust, of Bodnant, Clwyd. They gained the Stephenson R. Clarke cup for autumn fruits, with the brilliant vermilion *Cotoneaster conspicuus decorus*, *Sorbus hupehensis rosea*, *Skimmia japonica* and *Viburnum betulifolium*. Another of their exhibits, *Cotoneaster pekinensis*, with glossy black berries, gained an award of merit when shown before the committees.

Gold medals for paintings have been awarded to Lindsay Megarrity, of Blackheath, London (watercolours of fritillarias), and to Sara Anne Schoefield, of Coulsdon, Surrey (watercolours of irises).

The committees have given the award of merit to *Liquidambar styraciflua* "Worplesdon", a tree for autumn foliage colour (deep crimson), shown by Starborough Nursery, of Edenbridge, Kent; and *Sorbus latifolia*, with orange fruits and gold autumn foliage, exhibited by the Oxford Botanic Garden.

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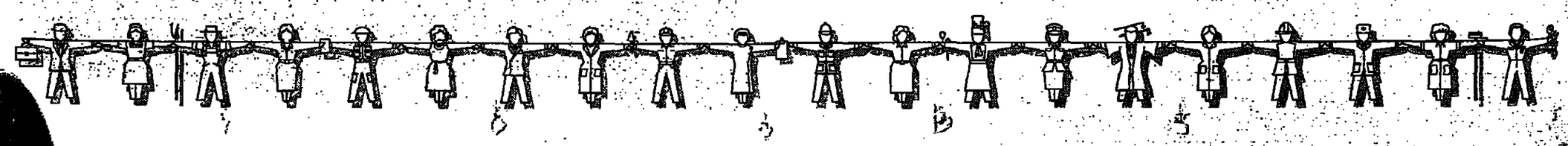

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Goodbye flower power

Can country style survive without Laura Ashley's busy prints? Will the empire's new no-frills clothes thrill the faithful? Victoria McKee reports

Recently the message from Laura Ashley has been that life is not a bed of roses. You may have seen their advertising campaign: "Where have all the flowers gone?"

"Those itsy-bitsy flower prints have all but disappeared; it's been not a revolution but an evolution," John James, group managing director of Laura Ashley Holdings, explains. "This campaign is merely to bring reality and expectation together."

When Laura Ashley died after a fall in 1985, many expected the empire founded on her kitchen table to lose its way without her guiding spirit. But the international company, with over 7,500 employees worldwide, knew that Laura Ashley's fresh country essence had long since been distilled into a corporate entity that could bowl along merrily on its own momentum.

Any shockwaves after Laura Ashley's untimely death were personal, not professional, James maintains. "Bernard always ran the business anyway, whatever people on the outside thought. We all know that. He was the leader all along — and he's the one we always looked to."

Bernard is Laura's husband, Sir Bernard Ashley, chairman of the group, which confidently predicts a turnover of £220 million for the year ending next January — or approximate pre-tax profits of £26 million.

"It was to Laura's credit that she had already trained design teams to take over her function — that was the strength of what Bernard and Laura created: a team of people that could take the inspiration of a single flower and turn it into wonderful, workable prints," James enthuses.

The company tries to be true to its late founder's wishes even down to the wholesome, home-made casseroles employees eat off pretty china on laminated chintz tablecloths for about 30p a plateful. Laura was adamant that all her staff should have healthy food at subsidized prices — and fried food still remains strictly forbidden.

John James has been a stalwart of the company for 14 years and could be described as a bluff, likeable Welshman with an easy-going manner were it not that he so actively discourages the cult of the personality and would prefer not to be described at all.

If this seems an odd policy for a company very much founded on a personality, it is nevertheless rigidly adhered to at all levels. Laura's son, Nick Ashley, who has taken up his mother's mantle and wears the title of creative director, refuses interviews and photographs on this ground. But he does not mind immortalizing his mischievous Welsh terrier Clem, the terror of the Fulham design centre, in a series of children's books. Ashley books, on sale in their own shops as well as booksellers, are a very visible part of the empire.

Tomorrow both the *Laura Ashley Bedrooms* book and *Laura Ashley Style* will be published. The latter, a lavishly illustrated hardback, demonstrates how Ashley style has evolved from its inspiration in past traditions and has been predicted to become a runaway best-seller for Christmas in the United States, which claims 40 per cent of Laura Ashley's world market.

In Britain, Laura Ashley still has a comfortable High Street feel, and its fashions are primarily popular with Sloanes, young and old, and muesli-belt mothers, but abroad it is considered expensive, exotic — the epitome of British style.

Ask French women what British fashion means to them, and nine out of 10 will say "Laura Ashley!" France is already a firm fan with concessions in most of the major department stores. In Japan, Laura Ashley opened a shop in the Ginza, a nightclub area somewhat like Soho, last year and invested 50-50 in it with Jusco — Japan United Stores. It proved such a success that there are now five shops in Japan with 30 the goal in the next two years. Spain is the next target.

The company's aggressive new policy is light years away from its beginnings, cosily recalled in *Laura Ashley Style*, which tells how, in 1953, with an initial investment of £10, "while Bernard Ashley went off to work in the City, his young wife Laura snatched time from looking after her children to produce tablemats and headscarves on a crude and laborious silk screen machine, with the aim of selling them to local shops and department stores."

Now Laura Ashley snaps up small, quality businesses linked in some thematic way to its image. Penhaligon's, the Victorian floral perfumiers, was the first to fall this month, for £1 million. The next day the US branch of the company announced the acquisition for $3 million of the American Preppie fashion stalwart Willis & Geiger, who made hunting gear for Teddy Roosevelt and flying kit for Amelia Earhart.

"We will develop these businesses separately," James stressed. "We believe in organic growth, building brick on brick, if you like — not just plastering our wallpaper over everything."

To exploit the lucrative American "grandmother's market," the Mother & Child concept — brainchild of the oldest Ashley son, David — was born. "We noticed a gap in the market," James says. "We wanted to do pretty dresses and party clothes that would tempt doting grandparents." The first Mother & Child designs will be test-marketed in the British shops in the spring.

The main objective in Britain is to capture that vital younger female customer — "21 or aspiring to be 21," as Amanda Carr, deputy merchandise manager (UK) calls her. "We are aware that we are the sort of shop girls tend to come in with their mothers," she admits. "But we are updating our whole collection to appeal to a younger, more fashion conscious woman."

An inspirational sketch in Amanda's workroom at the firm's retail headquarters in Maidenhead, Berkshire, shows a mini-skirted model striding out, hands in the pockets of her minimal, shoulder-padded, plain-wool gabardine suit. Nothing flowery about her, and you'd certainly never spot her as a Laura Ashley dresser.

"Our skirts won't ever be quite that short," Amanda qualifies, adding proudly, "but, yes, we are getting into power dressing at last!"

Just when the rest of the world (judging from the recent fashion shows) has moved on to chintzy florals.

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Philip Dunn

Curtain raiser John James: "The itsy-bitsy flower prints have all but disappeared; it's been not a revolution but an evolution"

Big hearts of the Big Bang

How an enterprising group of women persuaded the City to provide cash for shares and give the profits to charity

After showing the world in quick succession two of its less acceptable faces — greed and fear — the City tomorrow will unveil a third, more caring, charitable face.

The chairman of the Stock Exchange, Sir Nicholas Goodison, will announce the result of the Holborn Great Investment Race. Every penny of the huge profits made (fortunately it ended before the crash) will be handed over to three women who run Charity Projects, which thought up the idea.

"We are different because we don't ask people to give us money but to *make* us money — by doing what they are good at," explained Jane Tewson, who was aged only 25 when she had the idea for the organization three years ago.

All the same, it took a fair bit of nerve for her fellow director, Fiona Halton, to go into the City and look for a sponsor who would put up the stakes for the race. After some anxious weeks of searching, Prudential Holborn Unit Trusts invited her to a meeting over breakfast. By the end of it, their managers had offered to put up £210,000 as an interest-free loan, to be divided among six teams of investment managers from well known City houses.

Who won the race will be known tomorrow, but the stake money has raised £924,432 — a 340 per cent increase. And the investment race is only the latest in a series of good ideas.

In hard cash the takings have risen spectacularly from £121,000 in the first year to more than £2 million this year. Charity Projects works from a Soho office at 21 D'Arblay Street, London W1, but nothing, not even the cost of a paperclip, is deducted in administrative costs. Everything is sponsored.

One of Tewson's principles was that the charities should be ones that other grant-making organizations do not reach. They are small-scale efforts dedicated to the problems of homelessness, mental and physical handicaps and drug and alcohol abuse, particularly among young people of 15 to 25, who fall outside the net of most fund raising.

The persuaders (left to right): Graham, Tewson and Halton

This is where the third member of the trio, Judy Graham, grants director of Charity Projects, comes in. She travels Britain finding, inspecting and following up applicants, who are then approved by a grants committee. One of the 50 small beneficiaries of the Great Investment Race is Centrepoint, which runs a shelter in Soho used by 2,000 homeless people aged 19 or under each year.

Tewson admits that part of her still feels a longing to be out and involved in the shelters and hostels. "As long as I can go to visit projects frequently, I love what I'm doing, although you'll sometimes find me in tears. What makes it bearable is the huge reservoir of supporters that we've got now."

Peter Lewis

Painter working in oil

A Scottish artist is capturing the oil rigs' vanishing way of life

"People always ask, why don't I do pretty landscapes?" Instead Sue-Jane Taylor paints oil rigs and their workers and tomorrow will receive one of this year's Glenfiddich Living Scotland awards.

Her work, lining the wall of her London studio, is neither romantic nor brutal. These are portraits of weary men, working hard to make money in an unforgiving environment. "They're all people I have come to know personally. I don't think I could have such insight into them if I wasn't Scottish."

Sue-Jane, aged 26, comes from the Black Isle, a peninsula near Inverness, and witnessed the effects of the oil boom in her teens. "The affluence in the area became apparent within a year. What I remember was drinking and gambling in the village. We were against the development."

Her opinion mellowed when she went to art school in Aberdeen and realized that the jobs provided by the oil industry meant that the local workforce could stay in the Highlands. "And now I'm very sad because the oil is declining and everyone's leaving."

Her creative interest in the industry was stimulated by a trip out to a rig when the Stirling Shipping Company commissioned 12 Scottish artists to produce prints marking its role in the offshore industry, but the weather was too wild to allow transportation on to the rig itself.

Sue-Jane wrote to the oil companies asking for permission to visit their rigs so that she could assemble a body of work solely concerned with the oil industry and earlier this summer Occidental organized a four-day stay on a rig in Piper A Field.

"It's quite depressing — the men know the real excitement is over in the North Sea." She spent her time sketching and taking photographs, especially at night, wandering through the noisy, vibrating walkways.

She has given up her post at Slade, where she has been teaching print-making, so that she can devote all her time to the project. Her award of £3,000 will help, but she is constantly looking for new sponsors. Next year she intends to visit three construction yards to provide her work with an on-shore element, and she is already planning a major touring exhibition and a book.

She is not unaware of the irony of her position — the fact that her life is now so closely involved with an industry she initially rejected and that, based in London, she has become one of those exiles whose departure she once mourned.

She grimaces slightly at this. "I think it's good to move away from your environment and see it from an outside angle and there's great stimulus in London. But I love Scotland, nothing beats it."

Fionnuala McHugh

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Tim Bishop

Work in progress: Sue-Jane Taylor in her London studio

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Stocking stunners

Charity Christmas catalogues are still often crammed with things you probably hope *not* to find in your pillow-case.

The canniest charities, however, this year seem to have learned that good design when teamed with a good cause is an irresistible combination. Christmas treasures from the World Wildlife Fund catalogue (available free, telephone 04868 20551) include a traditional Noah's Ark, carved from British hardwoods (£59.95) and a giant T-shirt designed by the Emanuels (£14.95). Meanwhile, in the National Trust's catalogue (also free if you telephone 0225 705676, or from NT shops) you will find appropriately cottage-shaped boxes of fudge (£2.50), stylish spongeware china (from £7.50) and an exclusive Halcyon Days enamel NT trinket box (£52.50).

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"We fought and we marched for equality all over the United States. People died. But it was never like South Africa, it was never that bad. If the world says enough is enough, if it isolates South Africa with sanctions and whatever else it takes, apartheid will go."

Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King

Running on

Joggers wary of running in the dark, for fear of attack, needn't abandon their fitness regime. The Sisters' Network can put women runners of all standards in touch with nearby "running mates".

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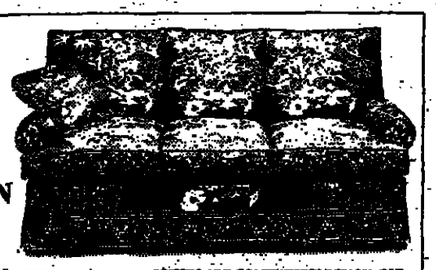

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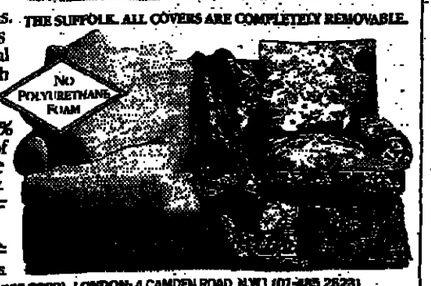

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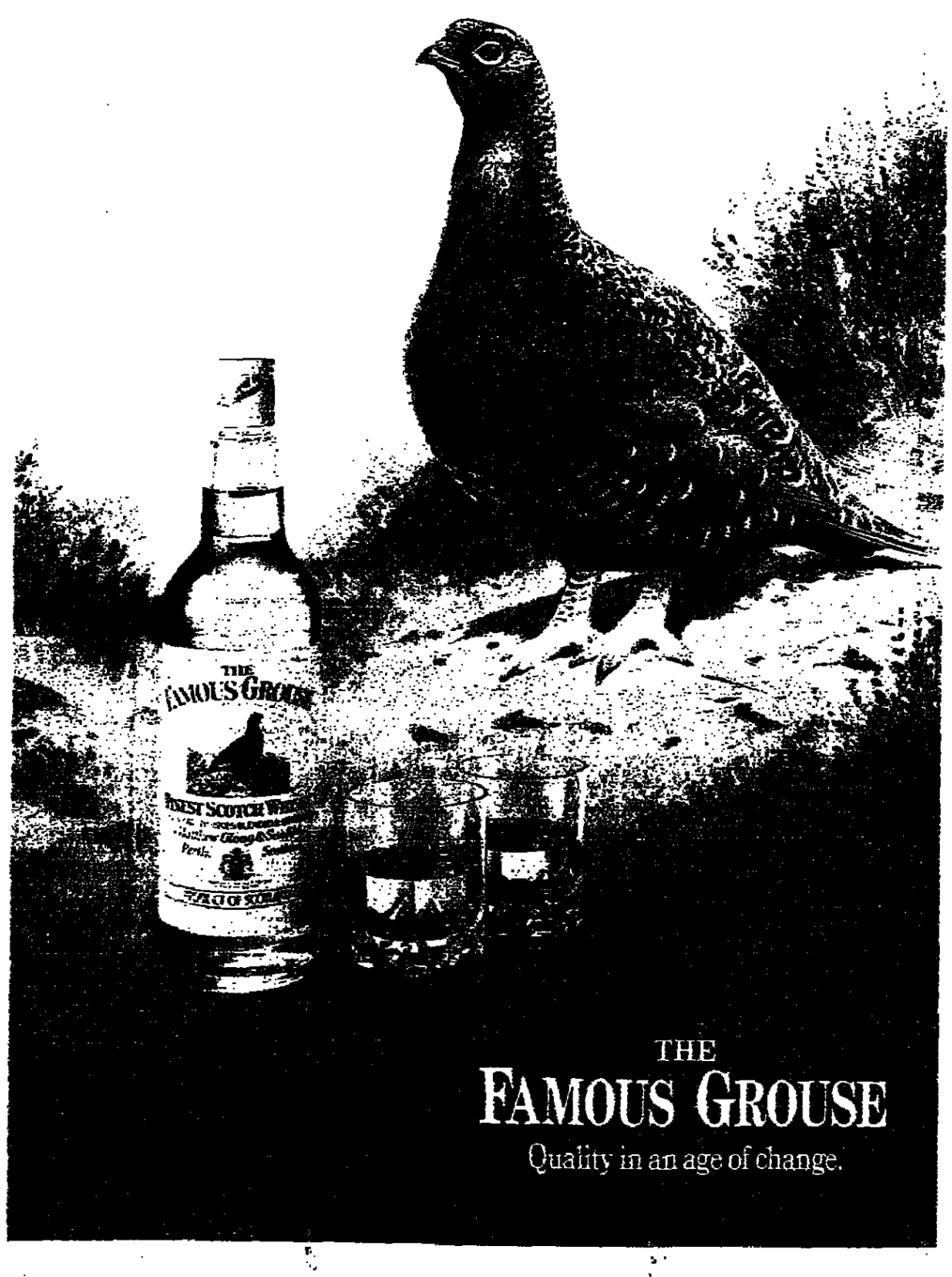

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THE ARTS

Most of the news that's fit to print

TELEVISION

Some newspaper editors have the ear of their heads of government, most have to content themselves with the mouth. I doubt, however, that even in this country any get, let alone give, instructions often enough to merit a telephone with Mrs Thatcher's name on it. In *Pravda* (ITV), Granada's documentary about the Soviet Union's daily echo of party policy, the Editor-in-Chief, Viktor Afanasyev, proudly showed us his labelled hot-line to Gorbachev.

We have been given a lot of what has been aptly termed "Glastnostalgia" to mark the 70th anniversary of the Russian revolution. What is encouraging about such programmes as *Pravda* is that the Soviets have enough confidence in *Perestroika* to show cancer as well as healthy tissue in the body politic.

As in the West, there was much posed indifference to the pandering fly-on-the-wall camera; but it became a fly in the ointment on trying to enter the office of the censor uninvited.

Television may not always love a new face but it does a fresh one. The main preoccupation of David Drew on the couple of brief occasions I have met him seemed to be his ageing legs and his lumbering dotage as an amateur centre-half.

I could never remember exactly what he did off the field but up he popped last night with sprightly enough tread in *Footsteps* (BBC2) following the path of the pioneering explorer of Mayan Cities, Alfred Maudslay. Fresher than his legs was his youthful countenance, which made him a natural for the Dorian Gray school of documentary (pioneered by David Attenborough and Julian Pettifer).

Wisely perhaps, he underplayed to camera — no salivating enthusiasms or wild hand signals, altogether a performance up front more reminiscent of "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer at the back rather than "Crazy Horse" Emlyn Hughes whose legs may have long gone but, alas, not his hands or tongue.

Andrew Hislop

A solo look at Napoleon

Jeremy Kingston meets comedian John Sessions, whose one-man show has moved to the West End

Funny players are rare enough. Witty ones are rarer. Rarest of all is that precious band who can set you laughing at a host of puns, jokes, take-offs and batty larks yet leave you feeling how good it is not to have to park your brains outside with the car.

John Sessions, for example, is author of *The Life of Napoleon* and its solo performer (though it has a cast of dozens: Laurence Olivier, Orson Welles, Frank Bruno . . .). The show recently gave the Riverside Studios a welcome five week sell-out run, and yesterday the Little Emperor unrolled his map of Europe across the stage of the Albery Theatre for a six-week campaign in the West End.

We meet at a Chinese restaurant in Putney, picking our separate ways there past horizontal planes and beeches felled in the hurricane a few hours earlier. Sessions arrives first and is drinking Perrier water. Like Napoleon, he admits to a modest weight problem, but managed to keep in trim at the Riverside by dashing about the map, from birth in Corsica (mothered by Peggy Mount), this way and that across Europe, down to the Pyramids, up to Moscow to look for the Tsar

His month off since then has been like mooching about on Elba. The analogy can stop there since Napoleon Part 2 came to an abrupt end at Waterloo (Wellington: Edward Fox; Lord Uxbridge: Terry Wogan).

To relish his show calls for no prior knowledge of gallant Lord Uxbridge and whether it was he who lost a leg at Waterloo (and Quatre Bras and Ligny, too). You may not always catch the relevance of the voices attached to the crowd of marshals and mothers, brothers and boats, emperors and editors (Richard Ingrams in charge of a certain London newspaper), but the choice is seldom based on mere word-play. It is even possible, just, to make a connection between Captain Casabianca's doomed vessel (she of the burning deck) and Rick's Cafe Americain, though no performer on this earth could have resisted so clear a cue to bring on Bogart.

"Something I want them to say feels it has to be said by Wogan or Woody or who, so they say it. I do Lofty as Napoleon's brother Joseph — or is it Joseph as Lofty? — because Joseph is a nice, well-meaning bloke who just lets himself be shoved around.

"As Ken says [Kenneth Branagh, director of the show] it's a great yarn — once upon a time there was a little boy who grew up and, and, and. . . but nobody would want to come to a *lecture*.

"Ken and I used to talk about: could it be turning too funny? Could it be turning too serious? What we eventually decided on was this oscillation between the two."

This concern to put together a structure below the larking about is the quality that gives his show its toughness and vigour.

Sessions' compulsion to lark showed itself in the familiar context of school (in Bedford). "The old story," he explains. "To avoid getting your head haemorrhaged you imitate teachers and make the boys laugh."

At Bangor University he wrote and performed in sketches. In Canada (to get a Ph.D) and back in England at RADA the sketches became more elaborate. "Effects of lighting. Sets. In *Napoleon* we have all these famous paintings flashing up at the back. Not just the portraits of him, all the surrounding period, the *Raft of the Medusa*, to make a point, I hope, not just because the raft was there at the time.

"There's the raft at Tilsit where Napoleon met the Tsar and they both, well, fell in love with each other, I'd say. Very buddy-buddy. So then I go to Huck Finn, buddy-buddy on the Mississippi."

And who could follow Napoleon, touching so many other lives, with Queen Victoria presumably out of the running?

"Yes. I keep thinking of Nijinsky. All that pre-First World War lot. One serious difficulty is, I can't dance a step."

The photographer arrives and leads us to the open space of Wandsworth Park, more open than before with fallen hollies cluttering the paths. "They say Nijinsky could jump and remain suspended in the air," Sessions remembers.

His expression becomes intent, considering possibilities, the sort of rapt attention Napoleon might have worn on the eve of battle: "I wouldn't mind having a go at that."

Paul Lovelace

The man himself: but John Sessions on stage becomes Frank Bruno, Peggy Mount and the Tsar of Russia

OPERA

Cinders without charm

Cendrillon
Wexford Festival

Under successive festival directors Wexford has remained faithful to Massenet. *Cendrillon* this year is the sixth of his operas to be seen here and that figure includes none of the easier options like *Manon* and *Werther*.

It is slightly surprising that *Cendrillon*, or *Cinderella*, should have taken so long to surface here: by Wexford standards it is positively familiar. This is thanks mainly to a production by Brian Macdonald which began in Ottawa, was staged widely in North America then in Paris at the start of the decade.

Macdonald realized that Massenet's is the gentlest of the musical Cinderellas. Massenet was two-thirds through his career when he wrote it, and bewitching the ear came easily to him.

Seamus McGrenera at Wexford fails to realize any of this. His production is earthbound, indecisive and at times inexperienced. The question of dream or reality is carefully left open by Massenet and his librettist Cain: does Cendrillon see a vision of her Prince, as she mopes like a lonely cricket by her hearth, and does he see a mirage of her as he is bored at the ball? Only at the very end does Cinders exclaim "*Mon rêve était donc vrai!*" and we are whisked off into a Tchaikovsky wonderland of glittering princes and princesses.

Magic is poorly realized in Tim Reed's drab sets, especially that for the enchanted forest in Act III, the strongest section of the score where Cinders and the Prince join in a lyrical duet of infatuation across a hedgerow of flowers. Or should do. McGrenera misses out on the balletic sections of the story, which were Macdonald's strength.

Musically things were a little better. Claire Primrose, despite a certain hardness in her soprano, showed a deal of charm and promise in the title role. Silvana Manga glittered as the young Fairy Godmother. Robynne Redmon seemed an odd choice for Prince Charming — *pas du tout charmant*, but rather plumply petulant and consistently employing too much volume in this small house. She made a good case for using a tenor in the part as CBS did on record. Pierre-Yves Le Maigat did not make much of the put-upon father.

Stephane Cardon got much more Massenet feel from the RTE Symphony than he did from some his singers. The chorus was weak and clumsily handled. *Cendrillon* does not look like being the hit of the festival, but Bellini's *La straniera* and Giordano's *La cena delle beffe* are to come.

John Higgins

A few Shanghai surprises

THEATRE

The Woman Warrior
Palladium

Arriving in London at the end of a whirlwind British tour, the Shanghai Kunju Theatre troupe duplicate the impact the Peking Opera made 10 years ago. They leave you gazing in disbelief at physical skills altogether beyond the range of European performers.

The programme (incidentally, an excellent introduction to Chinese theatre, with illustrated essays on colour symbolism, hand movements, and character types) draws an emphatic contrast between Shanghai and Peking — much in the Kunju's favour, as the older and richer form.

However, the difference is not apparent to the uninitiated spectator, witnessing these scenes of acrobatic combat, trickery, and comic romance.

It is encouraging to learn that China's own popular audiences much preferred spectacular extracts to the vast original epics. What we are seeing, in other words, is not just a tourist show.

The opening Palladium programme consists of three excerpts and one self-contained piece — a delicate little comedy about a runaway girl crossing a river to meet her lover.

We never see the lover: the whole piece consists of her ordeals with a mischievous old boatman who gets her on board and then decides to go off for lunch.

The stage is bare, and the magic of Liao Gu Yin and Liu Yilong's playing lies in their pantomime evocation of the boat, wildly rocking, drifting away out of control, and then taking to the waters, at which point the comedy dissolves into lyric melancholy.

Elsewhere, we are in the company of two invincible women warriors (Wang Zhiquan, first getting the better of a crafty innkeeper, and then raiding the municipal treasury for ill-gotten wealth), and that arch-trickster, the Monkey King — who acquires a magic fan from its reluctant owner by transforming himself into a insect and getting her to swallow him.

Chen Tongsheng's somersault over her head, representing this feat, is the masterstroke of a performance that brings your eyes out on stalks. Elsewhere the stage surges with bodies turned into catherine wheels, merging into biomorphs, and crossing the stage in hitherto undreamt-of contortions.

Irving Wardle

Studies from a musical mirror

CONCERTS

Maurizio Pollini
Festival Hall

An audience of pianists and papal nuncios: it had to be Maurizio Pollini. The fact that one is so aware of an audience, of a sense of occasion, is due, of course, not only to the reputation which precedes Pollini, but to the very nature of his performance; and last night's recital was no exception.

The first half of the evening, devoted entirely to Chopin, contained few exits and entrances: Pollini seemed bent on sweeping his audience into the wave of energy which lifted him through to the final C sharp minor Scherzo.

The sense of compression and of impetus, even within the wonderfully accidental, unconscious quality of his two Op 62 Nocturnes, demanded that the listener be as much on his mettle as the performer. Pollini's playing creates fast bonding: the taut transformations of his *Polonaise-Fantaisie* and the *bel canto* modulation of timbre and volume of his F sharp major Barcarolle insisted on concentration as intense as their performance.

Neither in Chopin nor in Debussy is Pollini content to draw the listener's ear first to the piano itself. There were times in the Debussy *Etudes* when, paradoxically, the medium seemed incidental, so absorbed was Pollini in grappling with their structural and harmonic complexity. The result, of course, is to deflect attention back to the keyboard again; and in Pollini's hands it acted as a mirror for the brilliant and fugitive inventions of his imagination.

"Pour les quartes" became a study in shifting velocity; "Pour les sixtes" a harmonic Rubik cube; while the studies of repeated notes and opposing sonorities created a kinetic art, translating from mind to ear through the almost involuntary involvement of the fingers.

Hilary Finch

● Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* opens at the Whitehall Theatre on November 4 (previews from tonight) with Dame Hilda Bracket and Dr Evadne Hinge playing Lady Bracknell and Miss Prism respectively. The play is directed and adapted by Lou Stein.

A Collier's Friday Night

Greenwich

In giving his first play a title so boldly down to earth, not to say into the earth, D.H. Lawrence must have been cocking snooks at the theatrical successes of his time: the nicely spoken, grammatical pieces with fancy titles taken from poems.

Kenny Miller's set pleasingly reproduces a clutter of books and cooking tools, though the wide-open Greenwich stage could scarcely be less suitable for a play steeped in naturalistic detail and set in a small colliery house.

Son and daughter (a sparkling Claire Parker) return home from their school and college, the mother (Annette Crosbie) bakes bread, the father (Alfred Lynch) arrives grimy from the pit to continue his feeble war against his family's contempt. Food is eaten, bread burned, wages are shared out, and in the closing scene the son assures his mother that she still has — perhaps will always have — the best part of his love.

Peter Gill's famous production of 1968 emphasized stifling mother-love and father-hatred, elements that are less to the fore in the attractive production John Dove gives us where the pervading mood is struck by the trio of young girls, laughing and teasing the unfortunate Maggie (Claire Hackett) who is sweet on the son (Neil Dudgeon).

The production finds a lot of cheering comedy in these areas, although the cost is a risky looseness in the playing of the family drama.

Jeremy Kingston

Donald Cooper

Balcony scene: Lovers Sarah-Jane Fenton and Richard Huw peer from the steel tube set

Romeo from the disco

Romeo and Juliet
Young Vic

The tragedy of Romeo and Juliet is caused by external factors — family feud, postal delay and excruciatingly bad timing. It is essential therefore that the external dimension of the drama — the world of Verona — is credible and compelling. David Thacker's production bundles the play unceremoniously into a late twentieth-century world of designer double-breasted suits, deep coloured duvets and disco music.

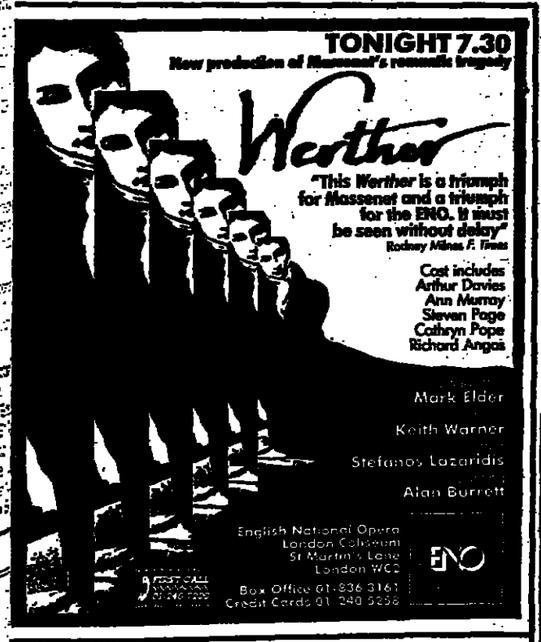
Richard Graham's Benvolio is not the usual wet liberal but a youthful version of Bob Hoskins with a moronic chuckle and a nasty way of eating spaghetti.

How can love thrive in this alienating context? At the Capulet bop Sarah-Jane Fenton's physically expressive but jittery Juliet looks to have it made with Anthony Wellington's balletic Tybalt. Why she should even notice Richard Huw's ernest, dog-like Romeo is something of a mystery.

Most of the play's climactic moments, the balcony scene, the death of Mercutio (a disappointingly stiff John Elmes), the morning after, fall disconcertingly flat. In the last, Romeo seems to be suffering from sullen post-coital tristesse. This may be because the lovers are perched half way up Fran Thompson's steel fire-escape-cum-climbing-frame set.

The rewards of this production are peripheral — a magnificent Capulet from Peter Theodom, both genially indulgent and frighteningly sadistic; and an excellent, if zany, Friar Laurence, played by Rudolph Walker as a Southern Baptist Minister with a heart of gold and a voice of molasses.

Harry Eyres



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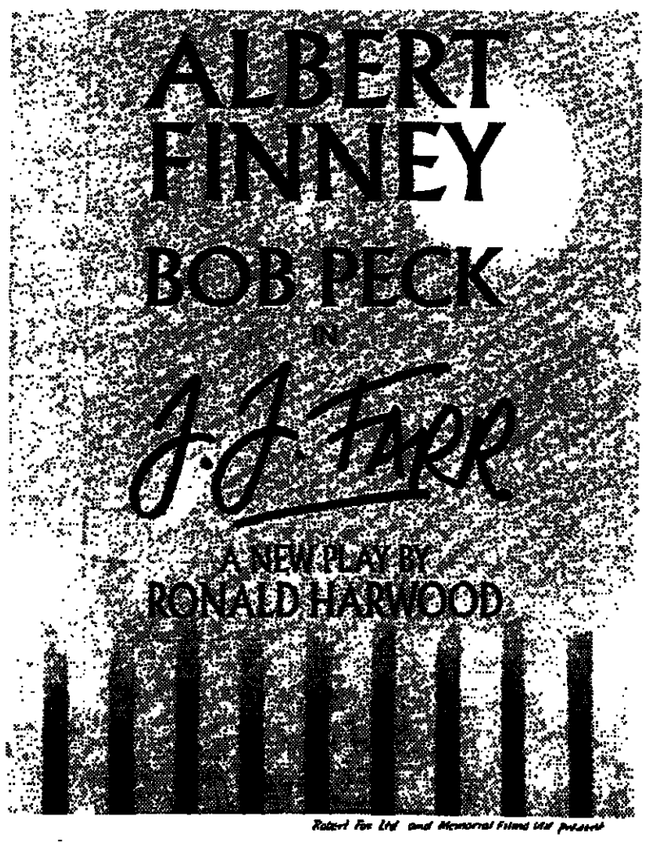

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MADE IN HEAVEN (PG): Awkward comic fable about a love match literally made in heaven; touching moments, though. Alan Rudolph directs Timothy Hutton and Kelly McGillis. (102 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.
Renoir Cinema (01-837 8402). Progs 2.35, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

■ ***THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):*** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama, filled with bullets, blood, and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, *Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).*
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs *2.35, 5.25, 8.25.*
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
⊠ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK (18): Jack Nicholson's satanic stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller directs (118 min).
⊠ ***Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue*** (01-836 6279) Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636) Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
⊠ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

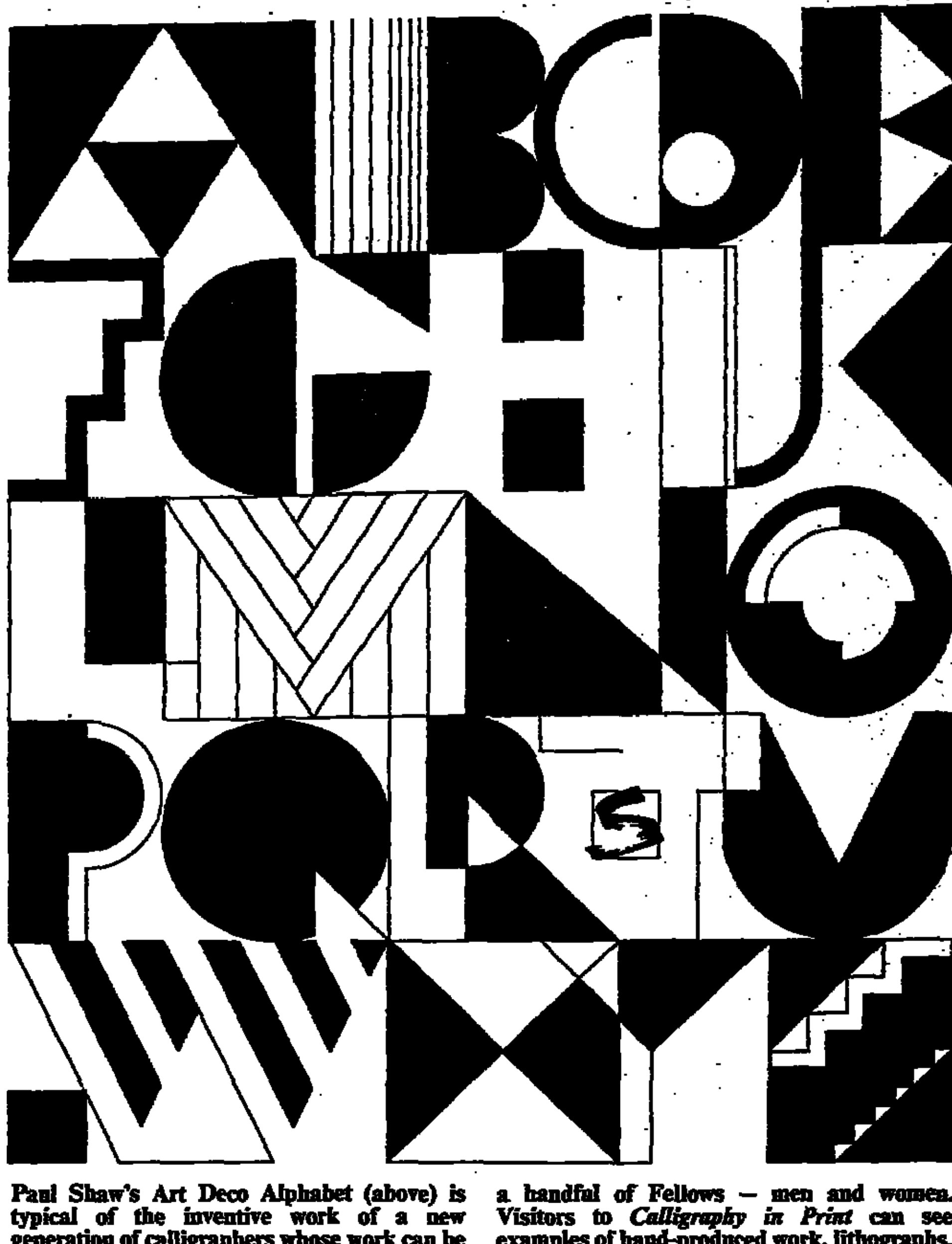
1	(-)	Elgar Cello Concerto/Sea Pictures	Du Pré/Baker, EMI
2	(-)	A Portrait of Mario Lanza	Mario Lanza, Stylus
3	(1)	The Maria Callas Collection	Maria Callas, Stylus
4	(2)	The Pavarotti Collection	Luciano Pavarotti, Stylus
5	(3)	The Collection	Placido Domingo, Stylus
6	(16)	Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture	Mackerras/LPO, CFP
7	(-)	Elgar, Delius Cello Concs.	Du Pré/Barbirolli/Sargent, HMV
8	(-)	Elgar Cello Conc.	J LLoyd Webber/Menuhin/RPO, Philips
9	(4)	A Portrait of Andres Segovia	Andres Segovia, Stylus
10	(-)	Elgar Cello Concerto	LPO, CFP
11	(6)	Vivaldi Four Seasons	Virtuosi of England, CFP
12	(-)	Vivaldi/Four Seasons	Herbert Von Karajan/BPO, DG
13	(-)	Prokofiev/Tchaikovsky Opera Excs	Various, DG Walkman
14	(7)	Duets from Famous Operas	Various, CFP
15	(-)	Chopin Favourites	Various, CFP
16	(-)	Gilbert & Sullivan Overtures	Malcolm Sargent/PA, CFP
17	(-)	Albinoni/Corelli/Vivaldi/Pachelbel	Various, DG Walkman
18	(-)	Elgar Cello Conc/Enigma Vars	Du Pré/Barenboim, CBS
19	(5)	Dennis O'Neill Sings	Dennis O'Neill/BBC WSO, BBC
20	(20)	Rachmaninov Piano Conc No 2	Philharmonia, CFP

Source: Music Week Research

GALLERIES

ADAM GRAY: First showing for a young figurative painter, runner-up in last year's Athena Awards.
Anderson O'Day, 255 Portobello Road, London W11 (01-221 7592). Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 25.

DUGGIE FIELDS: Works since 1973 by an artist whose paintings make reference to others' styles.
Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-493 7968). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free, until Nov 20.



Paul Shaw's Art Deco Alphabet (above) is typical of the inventive work of a new generation of calligraphers whose work can be seen from today at a London exhibition. Calligraphy, according to Peter Halliday, past chairman of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, "is more than fine handwriting, more than information. It is the creative use of letters as an interpretation — an art form in itself." ***He and other scribes acknowledge their*** **debt to Edward Johnston, who rediscovered medieval methods and the use of the broad-edged pen to produce some of the most elegant and innovative calligraphic work this century. In 1921 some of Johnston's students founded the Society of Scribes and Illuminators. Today it has some 2,000 members and associates and a handful of Fellows — men and women. Visitors to *Calligraphy in Print* can see examples of hand-produced work, lithographs, screen prints, embossing and rubber stamps designed for reproduction, by members of the Society. From posters and place-settings to logo's and labels, the work illustrates the current revival of hand-originated artwork for commercial purposes reflecting, according to Halliday, *"a reaction against the age of* electronic type-setting, the desire to create a fresh style that is not computer orientated." *The exhibition continues until November 12*, Monday to Friday 9.15am to 4.45pm at the Wiggins Teape Paperpoint Gallery, 130 Long Acre, Covent Garden, London WC2 and admission is free.** ***Judy Froshaug***

JOHN MORLEY: Landscape and still-life paintings and watercolours.
Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork Street, London W1 (01-629 2875), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Nov *21.*

KARL PARSONS (1884-1934): Rare opportunity to see paintings and designs by a great stained glass artist.
William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, London E17 *(01-527 5544)*, Tues-Sat 10am-1pm and 2-5pm, free, until March 12.

BILL WOODROW: *A map of Africa* cut from a frying pan is among recent works by this acclaimed "recycling" sculptor.
Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, Manchester (061 228 7621), Tues-Sun noon-8pm, free, until Nov 1.

THE STAMP OF FAME: Ceramics by the century's major potters: Coper, Fritsch, Rie and Leach.
Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 13.

LOOKING WEST: *Large touring* exhibition by artists as stylistically varied as Stanley Spencer and David Bomberg who painted in Cornwall.
Newlyn Art Gallery, Penzance, Cornwall (0736 63715, Mon-Sat *10am-5pm, free, until Sat.*

OPERA

☆ **WERTHER:** Keith Warner's new, dark Victorian production draws telling performances from Arthur Davies and Ann Murray. Mark Elder conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, *St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-*836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-21.50.

☆ **RAVEL DOUBLE-BILL:** *Glyndebourne Touring Opera* present the Sendak-designed *L'Heure espagnole* and *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges* as part of their autumn tour.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544). *7.30-10pm, £6-18.50.*

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Opera North in a comparatively conservative production, with Helen Field as a delightful Susanna.
Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.15-10.30pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **LULU:** Scottish Opera's new production by John Cox of Berg's complete opera. John Mauceri conducts.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031 557 2590), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£15.

ROCK

★ **BRYAN ADAMS:** The Canadian arena-rocker, on devastating form.
SECC, Finnieston Street, Glasgow (041 248 3000) 6.30pm, £9, for two nights.

★ **CHRIS REA:** Gorgeous guitar sounds and an ultra laid-back delivery from the gruff-voiced northerner.
NEC, *Birmingham* (021 780 4133) 7.30pm, £7-£8.

☆ **CHRIS ISAAK:** Reconstructed Sixties-style young American. *His* single, "Blue Hotel", sounds like Roy Orbison singing with the Ventures as a backing group.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403) 7.30pm, £6.

JAZZ

☆ ***IRAKERE:*** Chucho Valdes's ensemble has been in cracking form.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 46 Frith Street, London, W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **CLARK TRACEY QUINTET:** Exemplary British bop.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London, W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £5.

☆ **JOHN WILLIAMS:** Guitarist, with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.
Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London, SE6 (01-690 3431), 8pm, £6-£8.50

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **TASTE OF TELEMANN:** In their journey through Telemann's *Der harmonische Gottesdienst* the *Lecosaldi Ensemble reach Cantata* No 53, *Es ist ein schlecter Ruhm.*
St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **DELOS MINIATURES:** The Delos Quartet plays three short pieces by Percy Grainger, Hugo Wolf's Italian Serenade and Kroll's *Magyar.*
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate *Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054)*, 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **COMPLETE LACHRIMAE:** The Dowland Consort performs the complete set of John Dowland's *Lachrimae* pavans, backed up with *pieces by Byrd, Holborne and* Morley.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504), 7.30pm, £3.

☆ **KEEFE CONCERT:** Bernard Keefe conducts the Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra in Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps* and they are joined by the Trinity College Swing Band for Liebermann's Concerto for Jazz Band and Orchestra.
Fairfield Hall, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291, cc 680 5955), 7.30pm, £2.50-£8.

☆ **FRENCH FEAST:** The Nash Ensemble presents Fauré's Piano Quintet No 2, Debussy's *Chansons de Bilitis*, Ravel's *Chansons Madécasses* (Sarah Walker, mezzo), Ropartz's *Prelude Marine et Chanson*, Boulez's *Dérive*.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **MENDELSSOHN PLUS:** The Mendelssohn and 20th century Hungary series, rather an odd juxtaposition, starts with Balazs Szokolay, winner of the Ustinad-Labem Piano Competition, playing *Mendelssohn's Variations Sérieuses*, two each of Liszt's Elegies, Czardases and Hungarian Rhapsodies, Dohnanyi's Capriccio Op 28 No 6 and a Bartok group.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), *7.30pm*, £2.50, £4.

☆ **SALONEN/PHILHARMONIA:** The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen in Ligeti's *Lontano*, Nielsen's Symphony No 5 and Lynn Harrell solos in Elgar's Cello Concerto.
Festival Hall, 7.30-9.20pm, £2-£14.

☆ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** The London Classical Players continue their *Beethoven series with Roger* Norrington conducting the *Prometheus* Overture, Piano Concerto No 1 (Melvyn Tan, fortepiano) and Symphony No 3 "Eroica."
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, *London SE1* (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.45pm, £3.50-£12.

TALKS

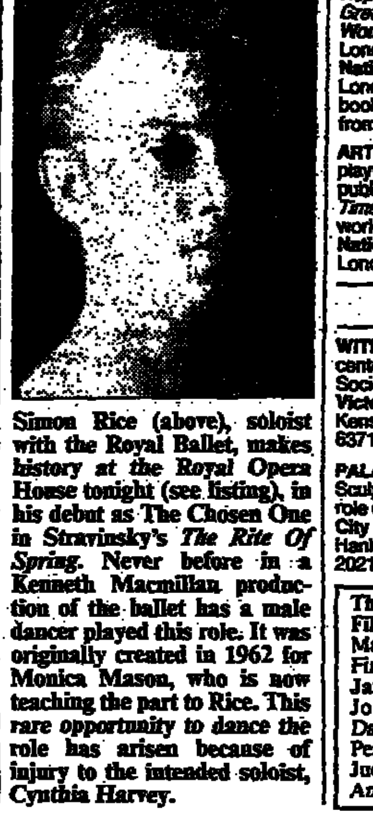
MUSIC FOR PLEASURE IN 18TH *CENTURY LONDON:* By Dr Rosamond McGuinness.
Royal Holloway & Bedford New College, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey (0784 34455), 5.15pm, free.

ART MADE FOR HOSPITALS: Introductory lecture to series of six, by Richard Cork, art critic of the *Listener.*
Darwin Building, University College *London, Gower Street, London* WC1, 5.30pm, free.

DANCE

★ **STRAVINSKY BALLETS:** *Bernard Haitink conducts The Firebird, Scènes de Ballet* and *The Rite of Spring* for the Royal Ballet. See caption.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, £1-£30.

☆ **PARAMOUR:** Graham Lustig's new work to Poulenc's music opens Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's short London season, together with three Ashton favourites.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£16.



Simon Rice (above), soloist with the Royal Ballet, makes history at the Royal Opera House tonight (see listing), in his debut as The Chosen One in Stravinsky's *The Rite Of Spring.* Never before in a Kenneth Macmillan production of the ballet has a male dancer played this role. It was originally created in 1962 for Monica Mason, who is now teaching the part to Rice. This *rare opportunity to dance the* role has arisen because of injury to the intended soloist, Cynthia Harvey.

☆ **THE PHANTASMAGORIA:** London Contemporary Dance Theatre's *new kaleidoscope of* theatrical trickery and disco dance. **Grand Theatre**, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351) 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-6.50

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokofsky's *dramatic production for Northern* Ballet Theatre.
King's Theatre, Southsea (0705 828282) 7.30pm-9.30pm. £6-£9.

WALKS

DICKENS'S LONDON: meet *Museum of London*, 11.15am, £3.

WHERE NON-CONFORMISTS HID: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

JEWISH EAST END: *meet Aldgate* tube, 11am, £3.

MEDIEVAL PLAGUE & PROSPERITY: meet *Museum of* London, 2.30pm, £3.

ROYAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, *11am*, £2.50.

SAUCY SOHO: meet Covent Garden tube, *7pm*, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

THE WILD SIDE OF TOWN: Winning entries in the Shell Oil competition. The *urban* environment and maps showing local provision for wild life.
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323). Today until Nov 26, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1pm-6pm. £2, child £1.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION: Work by craftsmen and women in Dorset and surrounding counties.
Allendale Community Centre, Hanham Road, Wimborne, Dorset. Today, tomorrow. 10am-7.30pm. 40p, child 20p.

AUCTIONS: Carpets and European Objects of Art, 10.30am; Furniture, 1pm; Modern British & Continental Pictures, Watercolours and Sculptures, 5pm.
Christie's, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611).

WHIRLIGIG THEATRE TOUR: For children. David Wood's new play *The See-Saw Tree* — a tree, due to be felled to make way for a children's playground, as seen by its animal inhabitants.
Richmond Theatre, *The Green*, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 0088). Until Oct 31. Today 11am, tomorrow until Sat 11am and 2pm. £4-£8.

LATE AUTUMN SHOW: Second day includes tree and shrub competition.
RHS Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4333). 10am-5pm. £1.

BOOKSELLERS' FAIR: Antiquarian and second-hand books, maps and prints.
Cambridge Book Market, Fisher Hall, Cambridge. 10am-5pm. 20p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

EASTERN EUROPEAN FILMS: Previously banned, including from USSR *Intervention* and *Repentance*; from Poland *The Great Race, Blind Chance* and *A Woman on Her Own*. Part of the London Film Festival. Nov 11-29.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 3232). Priority booking open. General booking from Nov 5.

ARTHUR MILLER: Lecture by playwright to coincide with publication of his autobiography, *Timebends*, and NFT season of his work. Nov 8.
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 3232).

LAST CHANCE

WITNESS IN BRASS: Exhibition for centenary of the Monumental Brass Society.
Victoria and Albert Museum, *South* Kensington, London SW7. (01-589 8371). Until Sun.

PALACES OF CULTURE: Sculptures and installations on the role of museums.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, Stoke on Trent. (0782 202173). Until Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: *David Lee; Walks and Talks:* Penny Osborn; *Other Events:* Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 ton't 7.45 BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Sir Charles Groves (cond) Prog inc Symphony No 6 in F Pastoral.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm PHILHARMONIA Esa-Pekka Salonen. Lynn Harrell. Ligeti Lontano per Grande Orchestra. Elgar: Cello Concerto. Nielsen Symphony No.5.

OPERA & BALLET

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in I'll Fix It (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Open Air. Eamonn Holmes invites viewers to ring in with their comments on yesterday's television programmes. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz programme presented by Henry Kelly (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and Gran (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Rosalie Crutchley with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. What do Asian viewers think of television programmes aimed at them?
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson are joined by Jane Asher and, with a song, Barbara Dickson. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Des's courtship technique leaves a lot to be desired. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz
2.15 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) starring Gene Wilder. Roald Dahl's tale of a young man whose dream of owning a chocolate factory comes true. Directed by Mel Stuart.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail. Stuart Bradley investigates eyes **4.10** Wacky Races (r). **4.20** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game presented by Bruno Brookes **4.35** Hartbeat. Tony Hart's series on the art of making pictures. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround **5.10** The Fire-Raiser. Episode four of the five-part drama serial.
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game.
6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather **6.35** London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are singer and actress, Cher; millionaire computer businessman Alan Sugar; and leading crime writer P.D.James.
7.35 The Clothes Show. A repeat of yesterday's programme in which Selina Scott met Italian designer Valentino and Caryn Franklin visited the Alternative Hair Show.
8.00 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates the mystery behind an unprepossessing bungalow, a property for which someone was prepared to murder. Starring John Nettles (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Mafia Wars. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.30 Sportslight introduced by Steve Rider. Boxing: the World Welterweight title fight between the holder, Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan, and Jorge Vaca of Mexico. The commentator at Wembley is Harry Carpenter; Rugby League: the British Coal "Nines" from Wigan. The commentator is Ray French; Tennis: Gerald Williams talks to Wimbledon men's singles champion, Pat Cash; and Football: news of tonight's Littlewoods Cup matches.
12.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.43** Daytime on Two: leisure time in Spain **10.00** For the very young **10.15** Fabrics **10.38** Different kinds of bread **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** Maths investigations **11.40** A sixth sense **12.05** Working with the elderly and handicapped **12.28** The reality of bed-sit life **12.50** Making home videos **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Episode two of a Viking drama **2.00** News and weather followed by Storytime.
2.20 Racing from Ascot introduced by Julian Wilson. The 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 4.00.
4.05 Zooweek. The second of this week's four life visits to the London Zoo.
4.35 Wildlife on Two: Zen, the Pigtail Monkey. The first of three programmes about an intelligent macaque monkey (r).
5.00 Glynn Christian's New Zealand. Programme two of the four-part series on how life has changed in New Zealand over the past two decades.
5.30 Advice Shop. Advice on life after work from retired couples.
6.00 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966, b/w) starring Frankie Howerd, Dora Bryan and George Cole. Unbeknown to the authorities St Trinian's new premises is the hiding place of the great train robbers loot. Directed by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat.
7.30 Cartoon Two. The Hare and the Turtle.
7.40 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part seven of the 13-programme series following the rebuilding of a walled garden. (Ceefax)
8.10 Antenna presented by Lewis Wolpert. Professor Marvin Minsky explains how the structure of our minds will be one day replicated; and news of drug companies about to market synthetic human growth hormones.
9.00 The Shiralee. The second and final part of the adaptation of D'Arcy Niland's Australian novel about a footloose father travelling from town to town looking for work, accompanied by his young daughter. Starring Bryan Brown.
10.35 Newsnight **11.20** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.53**.
9.00 Wacaday for the young, presented by Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Allsorts (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Pennywise. Advice from Muriel Clark and Anne Brand on keeping down the cost of living (r). **12.00** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.
1.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian sheep town **2.00** Cross Wits. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor. The guests are Dinah Sheridan and Colin Baker **2.30** Frocks on the Box includes Bertice Reading talking about style for the larger woman; and Derek Jameson, Clement Freud and Richard Keys re-styled in snappy suits.
3.00 Take the High Road. The community begins to organize the Grand Fete in the grounds of the Big House **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Poodles **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin **4.45** Stop That Laughing at the Back. Comedy series.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help with news of the Disability Alliance's guide to attendance allowance.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews surprises another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 Coronation Street. Mike Baldwin is floored by his latest news. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Among the guests are Jim Davidson, Vince Hill and Jim Bowen.
9.00 The London Embassy. Episode two of the drama serial adapted from the novel by Paul Theroux starring Kristoffer Tabori and a Russian novelist comes face to face with an American poet on British television. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames news headlines
10.30 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Football: highlights from the pick of tonight's Littlewoods Cup third round matches; and Boxing: the WBC Convention at London's Cumberland Hotel.
12.00 Film: Harry and Walter Go to New York (1976) starring James Caan and Elliott Gould as two unsuccessful variety artists in 19th century America who turn to crime, equally unsuccessfully, in order to try and make ends meet. Directed by Mark Rydell.
2.00 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem.
2.30 News headlines followed by WKRP in Cincinnati. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Corridors of Blood (1958, b/w) starring Boris Karloff. Horror movie about an altruistic surgeon who becomes a drug addict after experimenting on himself. Directed by Robert Day.
4.35 Fifty Years On. Archive newsreels.
5.00 ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Financial and business news service.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Children's entertainment. (Oracle)
1.00 Be Your Own Boss. Advice for those setting up in business on their own (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Catering With Care. The problems of food hygiene. (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 International Badminton. The British Airways Masters from the Royal Albert Hall, London.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to novelist Dorothy Dunnet.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Cartoon Carnival.
5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy series.
6.00 Family Ties. Comedy series about swinging parents with staid children.
6.30 Working It Out. Part four of the series examining what working life will be like in 20 years time. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Changing Faces. Twentieth century portraiture. (Oracle)
8.30 A Week in Politics presented by Nick Ross. Is John Prescott after the deputy Labour leadership? A report. Plus, an interview with the SDP leader, Robert Maclennan.
9.00 The Booker Prize 1987. Hermione Lee discusses the six short-listed novels.
9.30 Samson & Delilah starring Bernard Hill and Lindsay Duncan. Is the stranger staying at a Cornish village inn in 1914 the long-lost husband of the landlady or the German spy reported to be in the area?
10.00 Chiefs. The third and final part of the story following three generations of the police department of a small town in Georgia (r).
11.50 Vivat Regina. A film documentary following the fate of the chorus line from the hit London musical *Le Cage Aux Folles* that closed in January supposedly because of the Aids panic.
12.20 Sweet Disaster. An animated film about the end of the world (r).
12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.45**.

Two-empire Godfather

TELEVISION CHOICE

● After his capture and decision to break the Mafia's oath of silence, Tommaso Buscetta, once dubbed the "Godfather of two empires", was met by a messenger from other *mafiosi* who offered him $5 million not to squeal. Buscetta refused. The Mafia murdered the messenger. According to Buscetta, such savagery was typical of an organization that has grown greedy for the enormous profits to be had from the traffic of drugs. Buscetta is the first *mafioso* of such high rank to talk, and Mafia Wars (BBC1, 9.30pm) — with his silhouetted help — follows the progress of heroin from Sicily to the United States. The story may be labyrinthine, but the route was dead easy. Heroin was quite simply flown out daily from Palermo, in suitcases, via Alitalia. American pizza shops then served as fronts and dispersed the enormous cash profits — $5 million laundered every day. Figures throughout are so huge as to be almost meaningless: one *mafioso* hitman had a cocaine habit of $3,000 a day. Christopher Olgiati's documentary is as flashy as many of its subjects and as widely travelled — darting from Sicily to the United States and Brazil — and tries to look as much like a movie as possible, with set ups from helicopters and cranes, and countless travelling shots from speeding cars, accompanied by swirling synthesizer music. Where the budget does not extend to full-scale recreation — mob slayings, for instance — a combination of live-action and graphics is used to comic-strip effect. The overall result looks like a cross between Roy Lichtenstein and *Miami Vice*, and distracts, perhaps, from what is, ultimately, a skilled piece of research.

Chris Petit

Italian police with Tommaso Buscetta after his extradition from Rio de Janeiro in 1984: Mafia Wars, BBC1, 9.30pm

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Nicky Campbell **7.00** Mike Smith **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel.
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **8.00pm** Folk on 2 **8.30** Cider 'n Song **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.00** Soccer Special (News of games in Littlewoods Cup) **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** It's A Funny Business (Doris Hare) **10.30** Big Fight Special Lloyd Honeyghan (GB) v Jorge Vaca (Mexico) **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **5.30** Londres Matin **7.00** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Development '87 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** My Music **9.00** New **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Dave Gelly's Songbook **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Quote, Unquote **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Natural Selection **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15pm** Verse **12.25** Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Development '87 **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Way Up To Heaven **3.30** Two Cheers for October **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Essays on Popular Music **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter From Wales **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Essays on Popular Music **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter From Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Write On ... **11.30** Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty **12.00** News **12.09am** News About Britain **12.15** Radio newsreel **12.30** Two Cheers for October **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Training for Tomorrow **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Civilisation, Intelligent, Seeks Similar **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morganmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel: Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan), Elgar (Serenade for strings: I Musici), Vieuxtemps (Violin Concerto No 5: Cho-Liang Lin, with Minnesota Orchestra under Sir Neville Marriner)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert, part two Borodin (Quartet No 2: Borodin String Quartet). Debussy (Suite bergamasque. Zoltan Kocsis, piano)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week s Composer: Brahms. Quintet No 2 in G. Op 11 (Alfred Malacek, Ferdinand Mezger, Kunio Tsuchiya, Dietrich Gernard, and Peter Steiner); Six quartets, Op 112 (Edith Mathis, soprano; Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo; Peter Schreier, tenor; and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone; with Karl Engel, piano). Also Three motets, Op 110 (North German Radio Choir, under Gunter Jena)
10.00 Ravel: Medici String Quartet play the Quartet in F
10.35 Schubert and Chopin: Steven de Groote (piano) plays Schubert's Sonata in B flat, D 960; and Chopin's Scherzo No 4
11.30 Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra, under Elgar Howarth, with Roberto Aussel (guitar). Derek Bourgeois (Red Dragon overture), Leo Brouwer (Dances concertantes), Fauré (Masques et bermasques), Scarlatti (Two sonatas in C minor, Kk 11; and in G, Kk 391
12.30 Off the Beaten Track: another of Miles Kington's jazz programmes. Today: What, no tune ? Recordings by musicians who tend not to improvise(r)
1.00 News bulletin
1.10 Purcell Room Concert, from London: Britten String Quartet play Britten's Quartet No 1, and Verdi's Quartet in E minor
2.00 Holmboe and Martin: Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Sixten Ehrling play Holmboe's Symphony No 10, and Nuremberg SO under Pierre Domique Ponelle play Frank Martin's Six Monologues
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Including Stephen Johnson's guide to recordings of Shostakovich's Symphony No 6; and Gershwin recordings and Bernstein's opera A Quiet Place, reviewed by Mark Steyn (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Manchester Cathedral. A live transmission. The organ voluntary is Stanford's Fantasia in D minor. The organist is Gordon Stewart
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: Britten (Simple Symphony: English Chamber Orchestraunder Britten), Wolf (Elisabeth Schwarkopf, with Wilhelm Furtwangler at the piano, sings songs incuding Herr, was tragt der Boden hier-Nein, junger Herr; and Mein Liebster hat zu Tische), Oscar Espla (Sonata espanola: Alicia de Larrocha, piano), Spohr (Clarinet Concerto No 2: Karl Leister, with Stuttgart RSO under de Rafael de Burgos), Bizet (Roma: CBSO under Louis Frémaux) **6.55** News
7.00 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDougall
7.25 Mr Punch: Suoraan under Oliver Knussen perform Michael Finnissy's music-theatre
7.45 Beethoven: Direct from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, in London. Melvyn Tan (fortepiano), with London Classical Players under Roger Norrington. Part one. The Creatures of Prometheus overture. And Piano Concerto No 1
8.30 An Heroic Work: Joe Dunlop reads Fritz Spiegl's new perspective on Beethoven's Eroica
8.50 Beethoven: part two. Symphony No 3 (The Eroica)
9.50 The Little Platoon: sixth of Michael Charlton's eight documentaries about diplomacy and the Falklands. Tonight: A General Micawberism. Those taking part include Sir Frank Cooper, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Sir John Nott, Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Anthony Williams (r)
10.35 Bochmann Quartet: a performance of Christopher Bochmann's Quartet No 2
10.50 First Night: Nick Worrall passes judgment on the Lyttleton Theatre, London, production of Tomorrow Was War by the Mayakovsky Theatre
11.00 Manchester Chamber Music: The Sixteen under Harry Christophers perform motets by John Sheppard, and his setting of the plainsong Mass for a Mean
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Bryan Brown with Noni Hazlehurst in the second and final part of The Shiralee: on BBC2, 9.00pm

VARIATIONS

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.30 News 1.00 Horse Sense 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00 Scribble 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 12.00 Show Express 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm Granada Reports 1.00-2.00 Blackie's Magic 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.35 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.00 America's Top 10 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50pm News 1.00-2.00 Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 12.00 Lifestyles 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50 News 1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00 Scrabble 3.30-4.00 Take the High Road 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25-6.35 Police 5 12.00 Show Express 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 5.00-5.35 Northern Life 12.00 Connie 12.55am Fireside Chat, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.35 Ask Anne 12.00 Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50 News 1.00-2.00 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.00 Show Express 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30 Countdown 1.00 Open College 2.00 Masterworks 2.15 Badminton 3.10 Rygbi 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Ysbrydion Y Mor 4.30 Bildowcer 5.00 Cartoon 5.15 Maves on Four 5.45 American Football 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Hawl I Wybod 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Rygbi 9.05 Kate and Allie 9.35 Tandoori Nights 10.05 Booker Prize 10.35 Socially Unacceptable 11.05 Week in Politics 11.35 Scales of Justice* 12.05am Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: A visit to Cambridgeshire where members of the Wansford and District Horticultural and Crafts Society put their queries to Clay Jones and the team of Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Ursula Buchan
10.30 Morning Story: Of Cabbages and Kings, by Gail L Rogers. Read by Elizabeth Proud
10.45 Daily Sevice (New Every Morning, page 67) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Islands of Degeneration: Georgina Ferry examines recent evidence which may give clues to the underlying reasons for diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntingdon's
11.47 Could Do Better (New Series): Robert Booth talks to Kenneth Williams about his school reports
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Buckley
12.25 Castles in Spain (New Series): A serial in five parts by Edward Boyd starring Ray Brooks. The story of a search for an elusive, and possibly dangerous, man (1) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour; with Jenni Murray. Today's line-up includes an interview with new MP Ray Michie (Argyll and Bute) whose father, Lord Bannerman of Kildonan was Chairman of the Scottish Liberal Party. Also, Laurie Colwin's story Swan song
3.00 News; Play: The Price of Gold, by John Fletcher, with Zia Mohyeddin, Steve Hodson and Victoria Carling in the cast. The story of an Indian, working in the City's Futures Market, who falls in love with an English girl (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill presents Irish poetry in English translation. Love Poems.
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4: the NHS. Investigation into efficiency, and co-operation between the private and public sectors (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Emerald Arias. Ray Lynott reports from the opera festival at Wexford, Ireland
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Film Star: Alexander Walker recalls the screen career of James Cagney, with soundtracks from some of his best-known films (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates complaints about injustice, sharp practice and abuse of power
7.45 A Particular Point of View: Programme based on the diaries and letters of Dame Laura Knight RA who was Britain's official War Artist at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremburg in 1946. With Jill Balcon (r)
8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
8.45 The Mask of Music (New Series): Edward de Souza stars as Tchaikovsky in a dramatization of his life in 3 parts. (1) A Child of Glass (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: topics include Saul Bellow's book More Die of Heartbreak; Peter Shaffer's new play Lettice and Lovage; and Dance Umbrella. Presented by Christopher Cook
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tarka the Otter, by Henry Williamson. Read by David Davis (8 of 10)
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: presented by Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Singing Together **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Wavelength Plus **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time. Geography: Our Changing World. **12.30** Wuhan **12.50** Shenzhen/Sha Tin

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RADIO CHOICE

Tchaikovsky: R4, 8.45pm

● There's no danger, when listening to part one of the three-part The Mask of Music (Radio 4, 8.45pm), that you might temporarily forget whose life story it is trying to tell. The music of Tchaikovsky underlines practically every line of Paul Allen's script in the same way that the scores of Steiner and Korngold used to underpin those marvellous Warner Brothers movies of the 1940s. Too much music? I have, I regret, added yet another question to the many that pepper Allen's interrogatory structure as the older Tchaikovsky looks back on his younger self and, in a courtroom presided over by a God who is judge, defence and prosecution, calls up evidence to explain a verdict that fate has already returned against him. Director John Powell brings to the Tchaikovsky story the same dislocated chronology he adopted when telling the Puccini story, *The Immortal Bohemian*. The same multi-level sound tracks, too. The total effect is overwhelming, by turns brilliant and infuriating. It kept reminding me of middle-period Ken Russell, though it is infinitely preferable to Russell's own attempt to dramatize Tchaikovsky in *The Music Lovers*.

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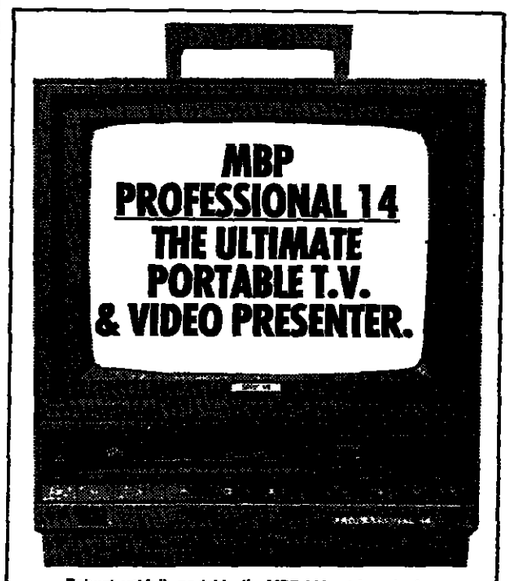

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Councils to spend £500m over top

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The Government conceded last night that councils in England are on course to spend next year at least £500 million more than Whitehall says they need.

The Government has estimated councils' spending needs at £26 billion, and their actual budgets as at least £26.5 billion.

As in previous years the councils responsible for "overspending" are identified as the London Labour-controlled authorities, and the district councils in the big cities, with such notable exceptions as Labour-controlled Birmingham and Leeds. In addition the London Fire Brigade and the fire and civil defence authorities for the metropolitan areas are spending well above their limits, despite being tightly controlled by the Home Office.

Councils which spend over the Government's limit will lose rate support grant on a sliding scale. Likely losers include Camden, Hackney, Liverpool and Manchester, all Labour-controlled and all subject to rate-capping, which will prevent them making up for lost grant by increasing their rates.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, set out details of the grant payable to each council in England, provided they spend within his guidelines. If they keep to his targets, rates should go up next April by no more than the prevailing rate of inflation, about 4 per cent, he said.

The Department of Environment's estimates of what councils will need to spend next year have been adjusted, to allow for police spending to rise from £3,021 million during 1987-88 to £3,350 million next year.

Allowances for education have been increased by just over £1 billion to take account of the teachers' pay settlement.

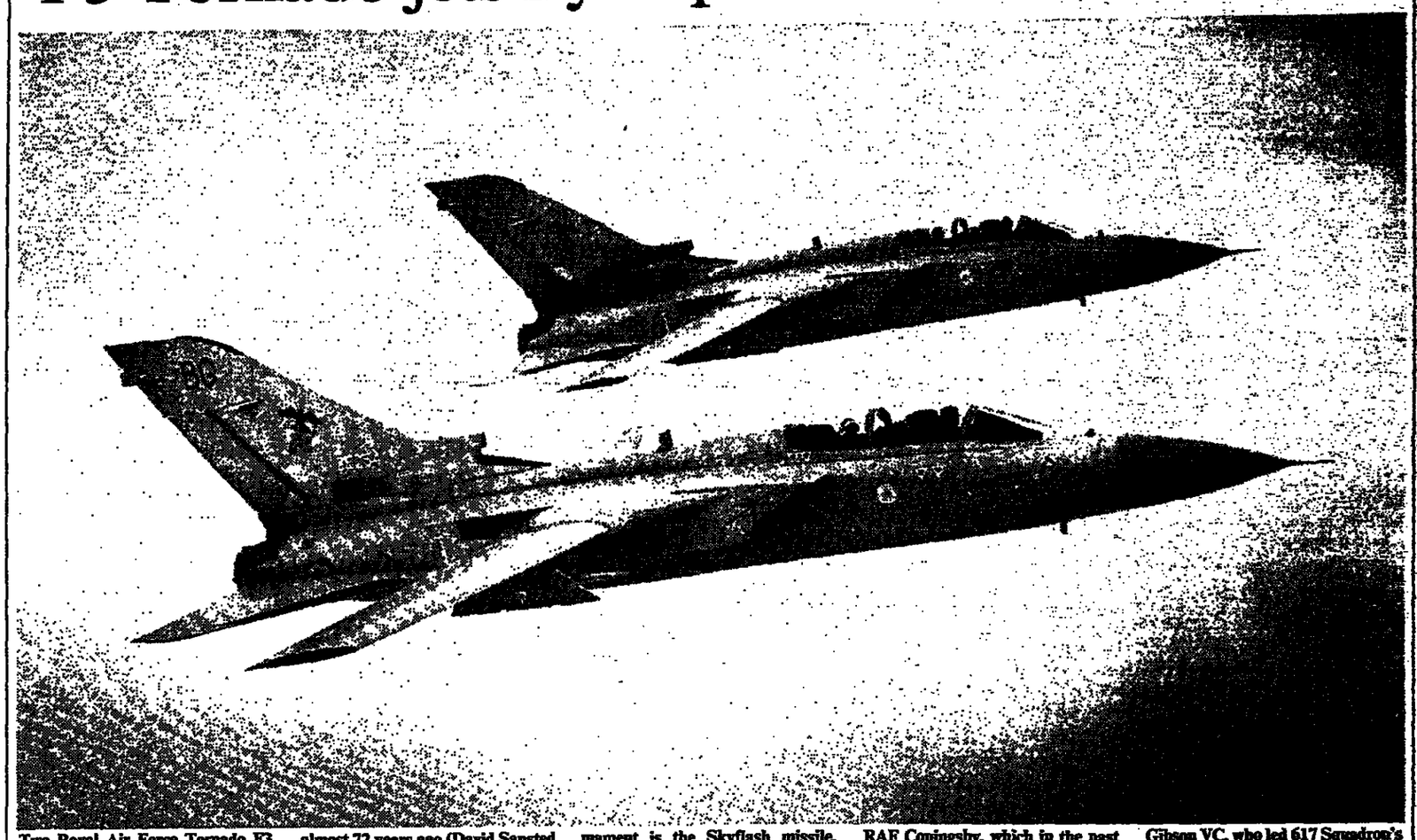
One result of the Government's adjustments may be that the county councils will be under less financial pressure next year. But district councils in the shires are likely to lose some of their grant entitlements, which could have political consequences for the Government in local government elections next May.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities which represents London boroughs and city councils said: "The Government is once again completely underestimating the amount of money councils need to provide vital services".

● Mr Ridley said there was no change to the plans announced in July which kept the Government's share of council spending at 46.2 per cent (provided councils keep to the guidelines).

But the Government is revising its plans for council spending in 1988-89 to allow a 7 per cent increase to take account of what councils are actually spending this year.

F3 Tornado jets fly in proudest RAF tradition



Two Royal Air Force Tornado F3 swing-wing jet fighters, flown by Squadron Leader Al Lockwood and Flight Lieutenant Andy Neil, above RAF Connington, Lincolnshire, on their public debut yesterday. The RAF's latest fighter will become operational next month with a squadron whose biplanes first went into action on the Western Front almost 72 years ago (David Sapsted writes). The new arrivals, derived from the GRI interdictor/strike aircraft developed by Britain, Germany and Italy, are part of what the Strike Command calls "the most comprehensive re-equipment programme ever undertaken by the RAF". With a patrol range of 750 nautical miles, the F3's main armament is the Skyflash missile, capable of engaging targets from above or below. It can also carry the latest version of the Sidewinder missile and has a 27mm Mauser cannon. In all, 165 Tornado F3s have been ordered by the RAF. The the first to be delivered is currently being operated by No 229 Operational Conversion Unit, based at RAF Coningsby, which in the past has flown several distinguished aircraft. Squadron Leader Lockwood and Flight Lieutenant Neil follow in the path of distinguished squadron members such as James McCudden VC, the First World War ace, Henry Seagrave, who was later to hold the world land and water speed records, and Guy Gibson VC, who led 617 Squadron's famous "dambuster" raid. The airfield itself plays an important part in RAF history. Opened in 1940, it was the base for many of the aircraft which took part in the first 1,000-bomber raid. It was the home also of the Lancasters who formed the special Pathfinders group. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Moscow revives summit hopes

From A Correspondent Moscow

An agreement to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles (INF) will be signed at a superpower summit meeting, a Soviet government official said yesterday.

The announcement, which was given a cautious welcome in Washington, appeared to improve the chances of a summit, which suffered a setback when a meeting between the American and Soviet foreign ministers last week ended with no agreement on a date.

Mr Boris Pyadyshev, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said that he could not say exactly when the INF agreement would be signed. "But it is already clear that it will be prepared in the near future for signature at summit level, as had been agreed between the leaders of our two countries."

He gave a generally upbeat assessment of the talks between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader. But he emphasized that Moscow was still seeking progress on "key provisions" on strategic arms and strengthening the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty before a new summit meeting could take place.

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Mr Pyadyshev's statement came amid new movement on the US-Soviet front, as Mr Jack Matlock, the US Ambassador, was summoned to a meeting with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Tass said only that the discussions focused on "matters of mutual interest", and the US Embassy would not comment further.

But it seems likely that a letter which Mr Gorbachov said he was writing to President Reagan would be high on the agenda. According to Soviet officials, the letter sets out the Soviet position as restated in the talks between Mr Shultz and Mr Gorbachov.

Mr Pyadyshev insisted that "key provisions" of an agreement on reducing strategic arms and on strengthening the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty (ABM) – which would prevent testing of the US Stratetic Defence Initiative – had to be worked out before a summit could take place.

Mr Gorbachov's insistence that these "key provisions" should be agreed beforehand prevented the summit date from being fixed.

Mr Pyadyshev, noting that, on INF, "in a very brief period of time we may witness a breakthrough in the area of nuclear disarmament," said that "one and a half months would be enough to prepare a broad agenda for the meeting of the two leaders," including the strategic arms and ABM issues.

But this statement did not appear to break new ground, as Mr Gorbachov said last week that he was prepared to go to the United States before the end of this year providing that the details on strategic arms cuts and the ABM treaty were agreed beforehand.

Organizations attack child benefit 'cuts'

Freeze like 'cheating people out of 30p a week'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Organizations representing families and children last night accused the Government of "cheating" children out of millions of pounds by effectively cutting child benefit by 30p a week.

"Child benefit has been recognized as the simplest and most effective method of assisting mothers and of relieving child poverty", said Miss Fran Bennett, director of the Child Poverty Action Group.

The group argued that child benefit should have been increased to £7.90 next April in line with inflation, and to make good a 35p cut in real terms when the allowance was not increased enough in November 1985.

Since 1979 the real value of child benefit had fallen by 3 per cent while the single person's tax allowance had increased by 15 per cent and the married man's allowance by 17 per cent.

Miss Bennett said: "Today is a dark day for the seven million mothers and 12 million chidren who receive child benefit".

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr John Moore, revealed that the Government would save £120 million next year by freezing child benefit at its present level of £7.25 a week. Had it been uprated in line with inflation, it would have risen to £7.55.

He stressed that the Government would be spending £220 million on the new family credit scheme and £100 million extra on families in income support.

Family credit would go directly to help low income working families with children and it would reach twice as many people as the present family income supplement. "Thus more will be spent on families overall, but the greatest emphasis will be on those with the greatest needs", said Mr Moore.

He said that the new benefit rates would be announced shortly, but the proposed figures for income support were £33.40 for single people aged 25 and over, and £51.45 for couples.

These rates would also apply for housing benefit and for the threshold for family credit, he said.

The family premium would be £6.15; for a single pensioner it would be £10.65; and for couples £16.25.

The number of those who gain from the change in the structure of benefits would rise by a million – from 2.2 to 3.2 million. The number who gain or would be unaffected would go to 4.9 million, while the number of who lose would drop to 3.7 million.

Mr Moore said he was also proposing that the "rent taper" to reimburse housing benefit claimants should be 65 per cent of net income.

Under the new benefits schemes, sick and disabled people would get a rise of nearly £5 a week in disposable income.

"This is in addition to substantial increases planned on estimated expenditure on the disability benefits themselves." As expected he announced that most other benefits would rise by 4.2 per cent in line with inflation in the week beginning April 11 next year.

The married couples's retirement pension will go up £2.56 to £65.90; the single person's retirement pension will rise £1.65 to £41.15; and contributory benefits for the disabled, public service pensions, war pensions and similar benefits will rise by 4.2 per cent.

Benefits for one parent families will rise from £4.70 to £4.90 and statutory sick pay and maternity pay will also rise in line with inflation.

The maternity grant will rise to £85 in April.

The Health Visitor's Association said that the announcement would be a major blow to millions of parents.

MPs anger over child benefit

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"package of broken promises and breadline benefits", which would result in millions facing worse hardship next April.

Although the Government has decided against taxing child benefit, Mr Moore is concerned that it is paid to all mothers, irrespective of their income.

He told the House of Commons that child benefit cost more than £4 billion a year, and that an increase "would be of greatest help to those who are already relatively well-off and whose living standards are already rising".

Mr Moore was warned of opposition to his decision from Tory backbenchers when Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said concern was not only felt on the so-called "wet" side of the party.

Sir Ian Gilmour asked how the Secretary of State could justify this discrimination as child benefit had fallen in real terms since 1979.

Mr Robin Squire, MP for Hornchurch, said the switch to means-tested benefit would mean many poor families not getting assistance.

The Secretary of State denied that he had specific proposals to change the nature of child benefit, but admitted that because of its cost and general application, it had to be kept constantly under review.

Belgian fishermen threaten to join Channel ports blockade

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of sea that they have fished for centuries.

Mr Yves Caugant, a skipper on one of the French boats blockading Boulogne, said: "We are trying to build a united Europe. Britain, part of Europe, suddenly says no to French fishermen. We have always got on well with British fishermen but anything can happen now."

Only hovercraft services from Boulogne and Calais were working normally, because their open harbours were impossible to blockade.

The fishermen last night sent a delegation to Paris in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

The French ministry of foreign affairs has asked the British Foreign Office to open negotiations on the possibility of French fishermen being allowed to continue to fish inside the new territorial limits.

A spokesman for the French ministry of the sea said he believed the solution lay in the hands of the British.

The change to the territorial limits was taken to bring Britain in line with France. France extended her own territorial waters to 12 miles in 1971, but at the time there was no community fishing agreement.

As the Boulogne fishermen moved in to blockade Calais from 11am yesterday morning, scuffles and disputes broke out between the Boulogne protesters and Calais fishermen opposed to what amounted to flying pickets blockading their port.

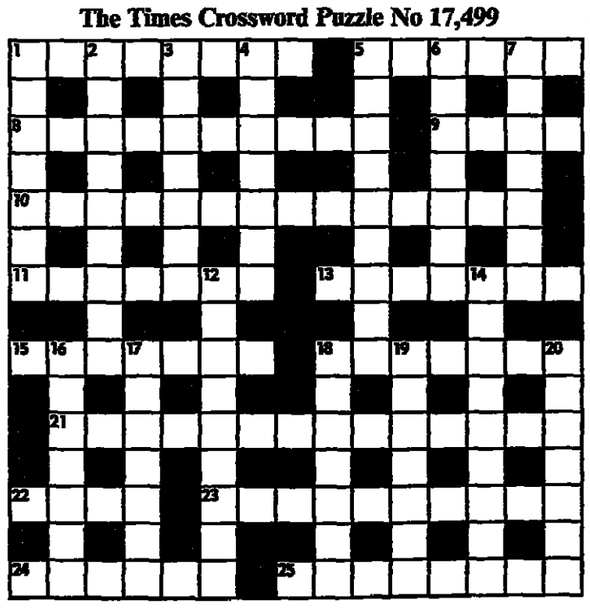
Mr Barron, the information officer in Calais,) described the scenes, saying: "There were about 20 boats from Boulogne, with six or seven men on board each boat. The captain of the port, Mr Gerard Provoost, tried to reason with the Boulogne men but they refused to discuss anything with him.

"The fishermen in Calais do not agree with this action. The Calais fishermen are being allowed to pass between the Boulogne boats. There have been some fights between the two sides. No-one has been hurt.

One lorry driver, Mr Alan Leech, described the scenes of chaos in Calais after arriving in Dover yesterday after being diverted from Calais to Zeebrugge.

"Lorry drivers and tourists were getting really frustrated. They were very angry with the French fishermen."

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,499



ACROSS

1 Among barons, perhaps, be rejected as lowly (8).
5 Recovery vehicle? (4-2).
8 Mad Hatter free from that point (10).
9 Chap joining Norm in France (4).
10 Fan such as Leander? (4-10).
11 About to clasp in compassion (7).
13 Be awarded medal by monarch in royal house (7).
15 Top person appears in shocking pink (7).
18 Iago, for example, in play – not novel (7).
21 Black cat, perhaps, showing customary courage (8,6).
22 High priest (4).
23 Like factories adjoining River Test (10).
24 Seat provides fixed support for driver (6).
25 Adroitly contrived great devotion (8).

DOWN

1 More aggressive Snark hunter (7).
2 Pilot sets out with airmen? Not I (9).
3 Fighting over poetic point in pub (4,3).
4 Judge advert with ease, say (7).
5 Country's split by French artist, we hear (9).
6 Bit editor's written supporting top sportsman (7).
7 Neath game in Japan gives experience (7).
12 Picture tranquil existence (5,4).
14 Plant produces weapon in perfect condition (9).
16 Aggravate home-lover (7).
17 Sportsman makes James sound almost unpleasant (7).
18 For example, Lord's stranded (7).
19 Excellent start for any clue (7).
20 Join to match perfectly (7).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,498

WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure will cover most of the United Kingdom. England, Wales and Scotland will have a generally dry and sunny day. The extreme south-east of England will start cloudy with rain, soon clearing to produce sunny spells especially in the afternoon. North-west Scotland and the Northern isles may catch one or two showers. Temperatures everywhere will be close to or slightly above the late October average with generally light winds. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: mainly dry with sunny intervals after overnight frost and fog. It will become colder with rain in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	23	73	Madrid	f	18	64
Akrotiri	s	24	75	Majorca	s	29	84
Alex'dria	f	24	75	Malaga	f	20	68
Algiers	c	29	84	Malta	c	27	81
Amst'dm	c	12	54	Melb'rne	s	19	66
Athens	c	18	64	Miami*	f	29	84
Bahrain	s	29	84	Milan	d	13	55
Barcelona	c	23	73	Montreal*	f	7	45
Belgrade	f	11	52	Moscow	s	2	36
Berlin	s	9	48	Munich	c	7	45
Bermuda*	c	26	79	Nairobi	f	29	84
Biarritz	s	19	66	Naples	s	25	77
Borde'x	c	22	72	N Delhi	s	29	84
Brussels	s	16	61	N York*	s	13	55
Budapst	f	13	55	Nice	c	23	73
Cairo	s	25	77	Oslo	c	8	46
Cape Tn	s	19	66	Paris	s	19	66
C'blanca	c	19	66	Peking	s	21	70
Chicago*	c	12	54	Prague	c	7	45
Ch'church	c	13	55	Reykjvik	s	2	36
C'phagn	s	9	48	Rhodes	s	23	73
Corfu	s	25	77	Rio de J	f	26	79
Dublin	c	8	46	Riyadh	s	28	82
Dubrovnik	s	22	72	Rome	f	23	73
Faro	f	19	66	Salzburg	s	13	55
Florence	s	23	73	S Frisco*	s	19	66
Frankfurt	s	12	54	S Paulo*	f	29	84
Funchal	s	21	70	Seoul	s	17	63
Geneva	c	13	55	Sing'por	t	32	90
Gibraltar	f	19	66	St'kholm	c	7	45
Hong K	c	26	79	Strasb'rg	c	10	50
Innsbruck	s	15	59	Sydney	s	21	70
Istanbul	r	12	54	Tangier	c	19	66
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tenerife	s	23	73
Karachi	s	34	93	Tokyo	s	20	68
L Palmas	c	22	72	Toronto*	s	8	46
Le Tquet	f	15	59	Tunis	s	30	86
Lisbon	f	17	63	Valencia	c	20	68
Locarno	c	15	59	Vanc'ver*	f	10	50
L Angeles*	s	28	82	Venice	f	16	61
Luxembg	s	14	57	Vienna	s	11	52

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.8	-	11	52	bright
Bridlington	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Cromer	1.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.5	-	11	52	rain
Clacton	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Margate	-	-	12	54	dull
Folkestone	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	13	55	dull
Worthing	-	-	13	55	dull
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Poole	-	-	13	55	dull
Swanage	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Exmouth	2.5	-	14	57	bright
Torquay	2.8	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	.17	13	55	rain
Guernsey	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Newquay	0.1	.05	*	*	rain
Ilfracombe	-	-	14	57	bright
Minehead	3.0	-	14	57	bright
B'pool Airpt	2.5	-	12	54	bright
Morecambe	1.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Douglas	-	.07	11	52	rain
B'ham Airpt	3.6	-	13	55	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.01	12	54	rain
London	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	2.9	-	12	54	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	0.3	.20	12	54	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Tenby	1.0	.01	13	55	cloudy
Aviemore	2.8	.22	10	50	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.12	8	46	rain
Glasgow	3.9	.06	13	55	rain
Lerwick	-	.21	10	50	rain
Prestwick	2.9	.05	13	55	rain
Tiree	4.5	1.18	11	52	shower
Wick	2.0	.01	11	52	rain
Belfast	5.6	.02	12	54	sunny

These are Monday's figures
* Denotes figures not available

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Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 200; Cyprus 80 cents; Denmark Dkr 12.00; Finland Mkk 9.00; France F 9.00; W Germany DM 3.50; Gibraltar 70p; Greece Dr 200; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,700; Luxembourg Lf 45; Madeira Esc 200; Malta 35c; Morocco Dir 12.00; Norway Kr 10.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 200; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 200; Sweden Skr 12.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 1.00; USA $2.00; Yugoslavia Din 1,000.

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.54	6.5	5.23	6.5
Aberdeen	4.44	3.8	4.55	3.8
Avonmouth	10.26	11.1	10.57	10.6
Belfast	2.18	3.3	2.36	3.4
Cardiff	10.11	10.3	10.42	9.9
Devonport	8.42	5.0	9.19	4.7
Dover	1.54	6.1	2.16	5.9
Falmouth	8.12	4.8	8.49	4.5
Glasgow	3.51	4.7	4.07	4.8
Harwich	2.47	3.7	3.15	3.7
Holyhead	1.21	5.0	1.47	5.0
Hull	9.36	6.5	9.50	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.09	8.0	9.38	7.6
Leith	8.03	5.0	8.25	4.8
Liverpool	2.12	8.5	2.37	8.4
Lowestoft	12.19	2.4	1.02	2.3
Margate	2.58	4.4	3.27	4.5
Milford Haven	9.28	6.1	9.59	5.8
Newquay	8.22	6.2	8.54	5.8
Oban	8.46	3.5	9.05	3.1
Penzance	7.48	5.1	8.28	4.7
Portland	10.02	1.9	10.31	1.6
Portsmouth	2.42	4.2	2.58	4.2
Shoreham	2.10	5.7	2.32	5.6
Southampton	1.58	4.1	2.16	4.1
Swansea	9.29	8.4	9.59	8.0
Tees	7.09	4.8	7.21	4.8
W'boo-on-Nze	2.39	3.9	3.10	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.49	2.36
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	64.95	61.75
Canada $	2.305	2.195
Denmark Kr	11.94	11.34
Finland Mkk	7.59	7.19
France Fr	10.37	9.87
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	242	227
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.162	1.102
Italy Lira	2240	2130
Japan Yen	250	238
Netherlands Gld	3.50	3.33
Norway Kr	11.55	10.95
Portugal Esc	245.50	233.50
South Africa Rd	4.20	3.50
Spain Pta	201	191
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.50
Switzerland Fr	2.55	2.43
USA $	1.76	1.69
Yugoslavia Dnr	1770	1520

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September).

London: The *FT* index closed up 14.9 at 1322.0.

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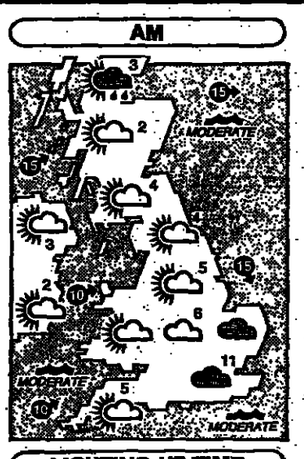

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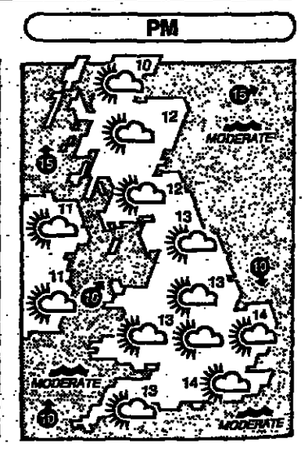


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.12 pm to 6.18 am
Bristol 5.22 pm to 6.27 am
Edinburgh 5.13 pm to 6.42 am
Manchester 5.16 pm to 6.31 am
Penzance 5.37 pm to 6.36 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	fg	13	55
B'mingham	c	11	52	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	r	11	52	Jersey	c	15	59
Bristol	r	12	54	London	c	14	57
Cardiff	d	11	52	M'chester	r	11	52
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	r	11	52
Glasgow	r	9	48	R'ndalswy	r	10	50

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.66in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

LONDON

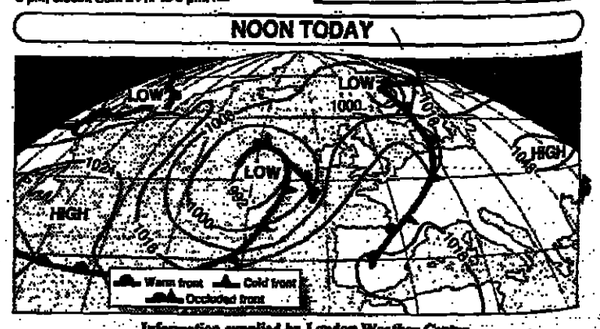
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1005.7 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Olabeig, Highland, 1.85in; highest sunshine: Southport, Merseyside 7.5hr.

Sun rises: 6.46 am | Sun sets: 4.42 pm
Moon rises: 1.43 pm | Moon sets: 8.46 pm
First quarter tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1322.0 (+14.9)

FT-SE 100
1703.3 (+19.2)

Bargains
57523 (57989)

USM (Datastream)
163.9 (+2.69)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6955 (+0.0075)

W German mark
2.9883 (–0.0079)

Trade-weighted
74.1 (same)

Guinness in Parnes settlement

Guinness has reached an agreement with Mr Anthony Parnes, the London stockbroker, in its legal dispute over his involvement in the company's successful bid for Distillers last year.

At a five-minute hearing in the High Court yesterday, Mr Richard Field, QC, told Mr Justice Walton there had been "discussions" and the company no longer needed to pursue its case for asset-freezing orders against Mr Parnes, aged 42, who is in custody in Los Angeles awaiting extradition to Britain.

A temporary order granted to Guinness this month, freezing Mr Parnes's British assets up to £3.69 million pending negotiations in the company's claim against him, was not continued.

The judge, at Guinness's request, also discharged orders requiring Mr Parnes to give details that would allow the money to be traced.

Mr Parnes was detained last month by FBI officers at Los Angeles Airport.

The stockbroker, nicknamed "The Animal" for chasing huge share deals, is being investigated by the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad for his alleged involvement in Guinness's £2.76 billion bid for Distillers.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1831.9 (+37.97)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 22834.96 (+632.40)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2395.72 (+154.03)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 233.6 (+4.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1323.1 (–89.9)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1586.2 (+17.0)
Brussels:
General ..... 4224.2 (+93.7)
Paris: CAC ..... 317.4 (–1.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... n/a
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 871.35 (+7.62)
FT–"500" ..... 956.93 (+6.23)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 330.2 (–20.3)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 93.19 (–0.23)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.92 (–0.76)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Allied Lyons ..... 336p (+18p)
Nat West ..... 565p (+22p)
P&O ..... 480p (+20p)
Royal Insurance ..... 398p (+16p)
Howard Holdings ..... 80p (+19p)
Greene King ..... 458p (+28p)
Vaux Group ..... 510p (+21p)
Reed Intnl. ..... 403p (+22p)
Rothmans ..... 348p (+31p)
Cable & Wireless ..... 307p (+27p)
Ashtead Group ..... 355p (+70p)
DC Cook ..... 217p (+27p)
Sainsbury ..... 241p (+13p)
Kwik Fit ..... 170p (+19p)
Boots ..... 236p (+14p)
Tarmac ..... 224p (+16p)
Cons Gold ..... 815p (–50p)

FALLS:
STC ..... 208p (–20p)
Matthew Brown ..... 600p (–63p)
Pearson Group ..... 663p (–22p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month Interbank 9 7/16–9⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 9 1/16–8 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7 9/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.27-5.26%*
30-year bonds 98 3/32–98 7/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6955	£: $1.6965*
£: DM2.9883	$: DM1.7630*
£: SwFr2.4644	$: SwFr1.4535*
£: FFr10.077	$: FFr5.9025*
£: Yen239.83	$: Yen141.60*
£: Index:74.1	$: Index:99.6
ECU £0.692687	SDR £0.773044

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $473.45 pm-$474.00
close $475.50-476.00 (£280.50-281.00)
New York:
Comex $476.10-476.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $18.90bbl ($18.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

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President urged to back $23bn deficit reduction scheme

Pressure builds on Reagan

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan is being pressed to agree to more than $23 billion (£13.6 billion) in deficit reduction measures following Monday's stock market losses, which injected a new note of urgency into the budget negotiations thatbegan in earnest yesterday.

For the first time, there were suggestions from the Administration that the White House and Congress should use a domestic budget accord as leverage to wrest new economic concessions from Japan and West Germany.

A three-pronged approach would not only send a strong, positive message to international markets, but would also bolster the flagging commitment of the powerful Group of Seven nations to coordinate their policies to stabilize currancies, officials said.

President Reagan sought to reassure markets of his commitment to the talks yesterday by issuing a statement that he "pledged to put aside politics" during the critical negotiations. He issued the statement before leaving on a private trip to Phoenix, Arizona, to complete funeral arrangements for his wife's mother.

The idea of a new international accord was floated as negotiators clamped a news blackout on the talks, which focused, for the first time, on specific ways to reduce America's $170 billion budget deficit. An international accord could only be negotiated if the US achieves large domestic reductions, officials said.

Congressional leaders, with an eye on the 1988 presidential camapign, want reductions greater than the $23 billion already required by the reconstituted Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law. Both Republicans and Democrats see the negotiations as a strong political opportunity to demonstrate leadership to a nervous financial community.

The most vocal proponent is Mr Robert Dole, the Senate Republican minority leader, who is a leading candidiate for the 1988 presidential nomination.

The White House negotiating team, led by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, and Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, went into the talks yesterday with a list of options.

Sources said that the Administration is interested in discussing the possibility of two-year budgets for military spending and other critical areas of the econmy. A freeze on spending at current levels, greater reductions in Medicare and farm-subsidy programmes are also on the list.

Comings and goings at No 11 yesterday: Mr Norman Lamont, (left) the Financial Secretary, arrives and Mr Nigel Lawson, (right) the Chancellor, leaves for the House

IBM buy-back of $1bn shares lifts Wall Street hopes

From Charles Bremner, New York

Share prices rebounded in heavy trading on Wall Street yesterday although the rally petered out as a mood of optimism, triggered by the European and Asian markets' performance, appeared to wane.

IBM's announcement that it was buying back $1 billion (£600 million) of its own shares also boosted market sentiment early in the session, when the Dow Jones industrial average rose 83 points from Monday's close and then dropped to a modest 26-point gain, standing at 1,820 an hour before closing.

IBM was one of several big companies to announce buy-back plans. Its shares rose $5 to $117 on the news. The shares stood as high as $175 dollars earlier this year.

"This recovery has no substance yet," said Mr Monte Gordo of Dreyfus Corporation. "Our feet are firmly planted in mid-air. We're going to have a volatile market for a while, until we get to the point where investors have enough confidence to buy a stock and hold it

Other traders said the New York market appeared to be taking its lead from Tokyo, rather than the other way around.

In mid-session, Washington issued the good news that an index showing factory orders last month for "big ticket" durable goods rose 1.1 per cent, the first increase since June.

And Democratic and Republican leaders said they were optimistic that negotiations with the White House could cut the budget deficit.

Dollar at lowest since 1980

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The dollar fell to its lowest levels since 1980 against the mark yesterday, unaffected by a steadier performance for share prices on Wall Street.

Some central bank intervention to stem its fall was detected by dealers and the Federal Reserve Board of New York may have bought dollars. But any such intervention was modest.

A sharp rise in Germany's trade surplus, announced yesterday, contributed to the dollar's drop. Foreign exchange dealers believe that the Group of Seven countries are prepared to see the dollar fall gradually.

It fell by a pfennig to DM1.7625 and dropped from Y142.15 to Y141.45. Later in New York, the dollar dropped further to DM1.7575 and Y141.15.

The pound rose above $1.70 in New York and was quoted at $1.7030 last night. In London, it closed 75 points up at $1.6955. But the pound edged down slightly against the mark, closing at DM2.9883. The sterling index was steady at 74.1.

The West German trade surplus last month was DM11.5 billion (£3.8 billion), just below the record of DM11.6 billion in December last year and sharply up on the August figure of DM6.5 billion (£2.2 billion).

The current account surplus was DM6.5 billion last month, up from DM2.4 billion in August. Exports rose by 27 per cent, while imports recovered by 16 per cent.

Although much of the September improvement was seasonal, economists believe that the figures show that the domestic economy is strengthening and that German industry has learned to cope with exchange rates at present levels.

The weakness of the dollar hit the US bond market. In early afternoon trading in New York, the US long bond was down by 1½ points and the yield had risen above 9 cent.

Gilts opened sharply lower, on fears that the Chancellor would cancel the BP share sale. But they recovered to end the day less than half a point down.

Pressure for a reduction in base rates eased as money market interest rates firmed.

Underwriters resigned to BP sale going ahead

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The world financial community is now preparing to find the estimated £850 million it will need to cover losses if the Government goes ahead with the sale of its 31.5 per cent shareholding in BP at a price of 330p compared with last night's market price of 260p.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said yesterday that he will make a final decision tomorrow on whether the sale will go ahead, but the majority view in the City is that the sale will not be shelved and that trading in the shares will start at 2.30pm on Friday with the financial institutions who have underwritten the offer facing instant losses.

As well as being left holding 2,194 million shares in BP which will be worth 60p less than they paid for them, they will have to cover the difference between the 330p price and the market price to the Government.

This has led to predictions that some institutions will have to unload other shares and further depress the market.

The underwriters still have the option to put their case to the Bank of England and argue that there has been a fundamental change in the circumstances in the stock markets since the price was set.

However, the Bank can make no decision on the matter but only advise the Chancellor. Mr Lawson has said that he is prepared for that process to be followed and it is likely that the Treasury will have a meeting today with directors of NM Rothschild, the lead underwriter, and Sir George Blunden, the deputy governor of the Bank – Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor, is on a official visit to the Eastern bloc and as yet there has been no suggestion that he should return to intervene in the matter.

The 6 million members of

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the public who orginally voiced their intention to buy into BP have until 10 am today to submit applications to the regional receiving centres for the share offer.

It is estimated that more than 100,000 investors have already sent in applications, but many have now been phoning BP to find out if they can cancel their applications and stop their cheques.

The legal position, according to the Treasury, is that the applications will be processed and that stopping payment on a cheque could result in legal action being taken. However, people who attempt to stop cheques sent in before the market price started plummeting may be treated sympathetically and some lawyers have been advising clients to send in letters before today's cut-off point cancelling their applications. They suggest that it is possible to cancel applications up to the point when shares are actually allocated, which if the original timetable is adhered to will not be until the first week in November.

The underwriters, however, can only hope that their losses will be averted by the Chancellor announcing on Thursday that the sale is being delayed until market conditions improve. More than half of the risk is carried by 16 main underwriters in Britain with much of their commitment underwritten by 400 smaller institutions.

Overseas the position is different. In the US four main banks face instant losses of £66 million each, in Japan five finance houses are liable to pay £88 million and in Canada three institutions face a combined loss of £56 million. The overseas underwriters did not sub-underwrite the risk.

But the Association of British Insurers, which has 50 of its 430 members involved as sub-underwriters, said yesterday: "ABI members are quite prepared for the issue to go ahead and they will, of course, meet their obligations.

Morgan could quit US on losses

By Bailey Morris in New York, and Richard Thomson in London

Morgan Grenfell has suffered big losses in its US operations in the aftermath of the plunge in share prices on world markets, high-level sources said yesterday. The loss could mean the closure of its securities trading business in New York, making it one of the first British casualties of the market's crash.

The merchant bank has lost $25 million (£14.7 million) in its US arbitrage unit, which effectively wiped out an arbitrage book estimated at $60 million, officials said.

Morgan Grenfell sources in London stressed that after taking into account a profit for the rest of the year, the net trading loss so far was estimated at between $10 million and $12 million.

Morgan has also lost a substantial amount in London, but sources put it at under £10 million. So far this year, trading in London is still showing a profit, sources said.

At the same time, Mr Keith Harris, president of Morgan's North American operations, is resigning. Mr Harris had direct charge of the arbitrage, corporate finance and capital markets units.

His resignation is expected to be announced next week. Mr Harris has told colleagues that his resignation was long planned and had nothing to do with the US losses. He intends to accept a position with Drexel Burnham Lambert and to take three or four Morgan employees with him.

Morgan Grenfall has been plagued by employee turnovers in its US operations. Mr Harris has held his position for little more than a year.

The losses and resignations have bolstered speculation that Morgan Grenfell's US operations were becoming unprofitable and may have to be merged with CJ Lawrence, the highly profitable New York broking firm it bought last year.

A senior securities executive at Morgan said: "We've certainly suffered a major hit in New York. We will have to re-evaluate what we're doing there but it is too early to say exactly what we'll decide.

"There will cetainly be a move to cut out peripheral activities."

Morgan bought CJ Lawrence for $70 million last December but continued to run its existing New York operation separately. As an agency broker, CJ Lawrence has a minimal dealing exposure to the securities markets.

Nomura asks to be gilt market-maker

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Nomura International Finance, the London office of Nomura Securities, Japan's largest securities house, yesterday announced that it had applied to the Bank of England to become a gilt-edged market-maker. Daiwa, the second largest Japanese securities house, will apply within the next few days.

Yesterday was the first day for new applications to join the market, exactly a year after the new structure was initiated. The Bank kept the application list closed for the first year to allow the market to establish itself.

If they are granted permission, Normura and Daiwa will become the first two Japanese houses to join the gilts market. They were absent from the original list of market-makers drawn up last year when there was friction between British and Japanese authorities over the restrictive attitudes of the Tokyo markets towards letting in foreign firms.

The situation has eased considerably since then, but sources close to the Bank say that it may be at least three months before permission is granted.

With 26 market-makers already, the market is considered to be overcrowded. Total losses by all market-makers are now some £50 million for the year and only about four houses have made a profit.

Mr Keith Clark, executive director of Nomura International, said: "Market-making in gilts is an additional link in our chain of services to our clients. Who knows whether it will be a profitable activity in itself? That is not the prime aim."

He said Nomura would slowly build a market share if it received a licence to deal, but it did not intend to grab a huge share of the existing market.

Mr Clark added that by drawing investment from Japan, Nomura would increase the gilt market's liquidity and enlarge the market for everyone.

Nomura has sounded out Mr John Ricards, gilt dealer at Greenwell Montagu, to head a new gilts team, but Mr Ricards cannot leave his present employers until next year.

Useful £5.7m

The Really Useful Group, which exploits copyrights of musicals such as Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, reported a 33 per cent increase in pretax profits to £5.7 million for the year to end-June. A final dividend of 9.15p was declared making a total of 13.25p for the year (11.25p).

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N Brown leap

Interim pretax profits at N Brown, the direct mail order group headed by Mr David Alliance, jumped 79 per cent to £4.9 million on turnover up 37 per cent to £41.2 million. The dividend is 3p and the directors are proposing a split of two new 10p shares for every one 20p share held.

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Multi-million pound display of coloured gems in town

Hue is the cry for diamond style

By Colin Narbrough

Diamonds may be for ever, but there is no reason why they cannot be coloured. That, in essence, is the message Argyle, the world's biggest producer of diamonds, is trying to put across to consumers conditioned to the idea that sparklers simply must be traditional white.

On a mission to teach diamond lovers greater appreciation of the less fashionable hues of gemstone, the Australian company will tomorrow launch the Champagne Diamond Exhibition of jewellery and *objets* designed by Mr Stuart Devlin, Australia's goldsmith to the Queen and designer of his country's coinage.

The glittering show, which features 10,000 champagne and cognac-coloured diamonds, Argyle specialities, is housed at the Goldsmiths Hall in London. After the London exhibition, it it will visit Australia, the United States and Japan.

Mr Laurie Fitzgerald, Argyle's product development chief, in town for the event, says the exceptional geology of his company's diamond mine yields stones that are both super-hard and often highly coloured. Some of its "pinks" are the colour of Bordeaux wines, while others almost reach a navy blue. Most of its coloured stones are, however, in the yellow end of the spectrum.

Colour offers different ways to wear diamonds. "You can wear these to a barbecue," Mr Fitzgerald says with the straightforwardness of a Crocodile Dundee, adding, however, that wearers may have to explain to people that they really are diamonds.

Argyle has locked away many good coloured stones in its safe, confident that in years to come they will be worth a great deal more than now. With such a policy, and no alternative source of any significance, the gems are not readily available on the market.

Argyle, which started up in 1984, is sitting on 20 years' proven reserves in its Western Australian mine, satisfied that the market will come round to its way of thinking.

Of the 30 million carats it produces each year, coloured stones account for a large share, although white stones still provide 60 per cent of its revenue.

To tilt this bias away from the classic diamond, the company last year drew up a strategy to tell the public what hidden wealth non-white diamonds represent. It entails by-passing the tradition-bound trade, where affection for white stones appears virtually unshakeable.

If and when the message gets across, the demand for such gems should grow, allowing Argyle to ask De Beers, which takes all its gemstones under an agreement that runs until 1990, for higher prices for coloured stones.

The centrepiece of the exhibition, open to the public from November 2 to 6, is the £1 million "Champagne Diamond Performing Egg," four petals which open to display a carousel with illuminated diamond-studded horses.

Converting the modern consumer to Australia's coloured gems may take time, but Fabergé, jewellers to the Tsars of Russia, would probably turn in their grave if they could see them.

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WALL STREET

Recovery for Dow

New York (Agencies) — Shares generally were broadly higher in active, early trading yesterday while blue chips made substantial gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was 1,848.93.

This advance came after the rallies overnight in Tokyo and Hong Kong and on hopes for quick action to reduce the US budget deficit. More than 1,000 issues were higher, with 350 lower.

	Oct 26	Oct 23
AMR Cp	32	36¾
ASA	46¾	54¾
Aetna Life	50¾	52½
Allied Signal	31½	36¾
Alla Chlm	1¾	1¾
Alcoa	33¾	36¾
Amax Inc	13¾	17
AMR Hess	24	25¾
Am Brands	42	45½
Am Cynmd	31¾	36¾
Am Ele Pwr	27¾	27¾
Amexs	22½	26¾
Am Home	69¾	73¾
Am Int Grp	62	66¾
Am Stand	35¾	38½
Am Telph	28¾	29
Amoco Cp	63	71
Armco Steel	7½	8¾
Asarco Inc	16	19
Ashland Oil	50¾	53½
Atl Richfld	74¾	77¾
Avon Prod	22¾	24
Bk Boston	21½	23¾
Bank NY	26¾	30¾
Bankamer	8½	9½
Bkrs Tst NY	32½	33¾
Baxter	19¾	20¾
Beth Steel	9¾	11½
Boeing	37¾	39¾
Boise Casc	53¾	55¾
Borden	41	43½
Bristl Meyr	36½	40¾
BP	52½	55¾
Brunswick	14¾	17½
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	55¾	57¾
CBS	145¾	159¾
CMS Engy	12¾	14¾
CPC Int	36¾	38¾
CSX Cp	23	26¾
Cmpbell Sp	53¾	58¾
Can Pacific	14¾	16
Caterpillar	42	48¾
Centrl SW	30¾	31¾
Champion	25¾	27½
Chase Man	27¾	31¾
Chem NY	25¾	27½
Chevron	37½	42¾
Chrysler	23½	26½
Citicorp	36¾	41½
Clark Eq	18¾	23¾
Coca Cola	36¾	39¾
Colgate	40	42¾
Columb Gas	38¾	41¾
Cmb'tn Eng	28½	33½
Cmwlth Ed	28¾	30
Cons Edis	43¾	43¾
Consol Ng	34	36½
Cont Data	19¾	23¾
Corning Gl	45¾	48¾
Crane	20	22½
Curtiss Wrt	30¾	30¾
Data Genl	19¾	20¾
Deere Co	25¾	30¾
Delta Airl	35	37½
Detroit Ed	14¾	14½
Digital Eq	110¾	127
Disney	46	52½
Dow Chem	59¾	70¾
Dresr Ind	19¾	21¾
Dupont	81½	88
Duke Pwr	47¾	48¾
East Kodak	50	54¾
Eaton Cp	59¾	63½
Emerson El	27¾	30½
Emery Air	5	5¾
Exxon	41¾	45
Farah Inc	8	9¾
Fedders	5¾	6¾

	Oct 26	Oct 23
Firestone	26¾	27½
Fst Chicago	20	21¾
Fst Int Bncp	36	40¾
Fst Penn C	7½	8¾
FT Wachvia	31¾	33
Ford Motor	67½	74
GAF Cp	40½	43
GTE Cp	35¾	37¾
Gen Cp	65	68½
Gn Dynam	51½	52
Gen Electric	42¾	46¾
Gen Inst	22	23¾
Gen Mills	42	46
Gen Motors	55½	57½
Gen Pub Ut	22¾	24¾
Genesco	3¾	3¾
Georgia Pac	28¾	31¾
Gillette	23¾	27½
Goodrich	30	35¾
Goodyear	43¾	48¾
Gould Inc	11¾	13¾
Grace Co	39½	42¾
Grt Atl Pac	32¾	34½
Greyhnd	24¾	26¾
Grumen	21	22½
Gulf & West	59¾	64
Heinz	36	39
Hercules	44¾	49½
Hewlett Pk	39¾	44¾
Honeywell	51¾	57¾
IC Ind	26¾	30¾
ITT Cp	49¾	51¾
INCO	13	15½
Ing Rand Wl	24	28
Inland Steel	17½	21¾
IBM	112	120
Int Paper	29¾	33¾
Irving Bk	41¾	50¾
Jhsn & Jhsn	67¾	73½
K Mart	24	27½
Kaiserltech	8¾	9½
Kerr McGee	31½	34½
Kimbrly Clrk	43¾	47¾
Kraft	47¾	49
Kroger	25¾	27½
LTV Cp	2¾	3¾
Litton	71¾	77¾
Lockheed	35½	39¾
Lucky Str	21¾	23¾
Man H'nwr	28¾	31¾
Manville	2¾	2¾
Mapco	43¾	45¾
Marine Mid	69½	75¾
Mt Marietta	38½	42¾
Masco	19¾	21¾
Mcdonalds	41	45¾
McDonnell	57	60
Mead Cp	26	27¾
Merck	155¾	163
Minsta Mng	53¾	59¾
Mobil	37	39¾
Monsanto	62	70
Morgan Jp	35¾	38¾
Motorola	36	43¾
NCR	56¾	60¾
NL Indstrs	6¾	7½
Nat Distil	52	62½
Nat Md Ent	18¾	19½
Nat Semi	9¾	11¾
Norfolk Sth	22¾	26¾
NW Bancrp	31¾	37¾
Ocdl Petl	24	27¾
Ogden Cp	21¾	24¾
Olin Cp	37¾	40
PPG Ind	29¾	32
Pac Gas El	17¾	18¾
Pan Am	3¾	3½
Penney JC	37½	41¾
Pennzoil	47½	52¾

	Oct 26	Oct 23
Pepsico	29¾	32¾
Pfizer	45¾	51
Phelps Dod	23½	29¾
Philip Mor	85	90¾
Philip Pirl	11¾	13
Polaroid	20¾	22¾
Primerica	28¾	32
Proct Gble	79½	82
Pub S E G	23	23¾
Raytheon	63	67¾
Rynlds Metl	26½	32¾
Rockwell Int	18¾	18¾
Royal Dutch	102¾	111
SFE Sopac	47¾	54¾
Sara Lee	34	38¾
Schlumb	31	34
Scott Pap	57¾	60½
Seagram	50¾	55¾
Sears Roeb	33¾	36¾
Shell Trans	69½	73¾
Singer	33¾	38¾
Smith Beck	48	52¾
Sony Cp	25¾	30¾
Sth Cal Ed	30¾	31¾
SW Bell	36¾	39¾
Squibb	64¾	70
Stwl Drug	46¾	49½
Stevens JP	22¾	26¾
Sun Comp	47¾	54
TRW Inc	41	44½
Teledyne	244	271½
Tenneco	38¾	42
Texaco	28	32¾
Tex Eastn	21½	25¾
Texas Inst	36¾	41¾
Tex Util	28½	29
Textron	19½	21¾
Travelers	39¾	41¾
USG	26¾	29¾
USX Cp	25	27¾
Unilever Plc	29	32¾
Un Carbide	18¾	21¾
Un Pac Cp	47¾	52¾
Unisys Cp	24¾	30¾
Utd Brands	35	35¾
Utd Tech	33¾	36¾
Unocal	26	30¾
Walter Jim	57¾	58¾
Warn Lamb	59¾	62¾
Wells Far	42½	45¾
Westg El	43¾	48¾
Weyerhsr	31¾	35¾
Whirlpool	23¾	25¾
Woolworth	32¾	35¾
Xerox Cp	51	55
Zenith	10¾	13¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Oct 26	Oct 23
Agnco Eag	24½	28
Alcan Alum	28	31¾
Algoma Stl	15¾	16
Can Pacific	19¾	20¾
Cominco	13¾	15
Con Bathrst	14½	16
Hawk S Can	20	22
Hud Bay M	19	19
Imasco	24¾	27
Imperial Oil	57½	63½
Int Pipe	42¾	43¾
Royl Trstco	13¾	14
Seagram	66	72¾
Shelco 'A'	21	38½
Thmsn N 'A'	22½	23¾
Varity Cp	2¾	3
WCT	14¾	15
Weston	28½	32½

STOCK MARKETS

Shares manage small rally during nervous trading

By Geoffrey Foster

The London equity market made a half-hearted attempt to regain its composure after the confidence-sapping events of last week, but it proved an uphill struggle all the way.

Dealers marked stocks higher at the outset in sympathy with the firmer trend in Tokyo and Hong Kong, but waited in vain to see if there would be any follow-through support.

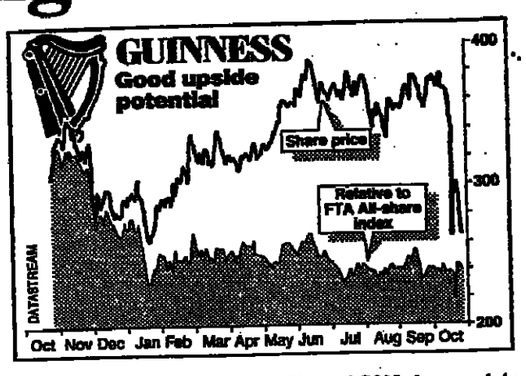
In nervous trading conditions, buyers decided to hold off and wait to see if the Government would bow to pressure from the underwriters and postpone the proposed £7.2 billion sale of shares in BP.

Dealers believe that this would be bullish for the market in the short-term as the underwriters would then not be faced with the prospect of having to sell other shares in their portfolios in order to raise cash to take up their commitment with BP.

Prices, therefore, after the early technical rise, drifted lower for want of support and were showing signs of ending the session down again before an early leap of 55 points yesterday on Wall Street induced a further technical adjustment upwards.

The tone towards the close remained edgy with shares finishing well below the day's best levels with the overall picture not looking too bright as a result of late stories that the Chancellor had no intention of postponing the BP issue, even though he chose to keep the City on a knife-edge last night by promising to make a decision by tomorrow.

The FT-SE 100 index dropped from an opening level of 1,735.0 — up by 50.9 points on Monday's close — to stand 7 points lower at 1,677.1 just after noon, before moving higher late in the day, to close 19.2 points up at 1,703.3. The FT index of 30 shares closed 14.9 points higher at 1,322.0.



Gilt-edged stocks turned down sharply at the outset on fears that any postponement of the BP issue will lead to a higher PSBR and more government funding. However, a rally did develop as these fears receded and dealers pinned their hopes on another possible reduction in base lending rates in the near future; closing losses ranged to £⅜.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group, has failed to glean much support from the hoped-for surge in the bullion price in the wake of the collapse in the dollar and share prices round the world. Yesterday, the price tumbled by another 72p to 793p — making a two-day loss of 127p. Dealers blamed a badly-handled selling order as almost 1 million shares changed hands.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries' success in securing the £186 million takeover of Matthew Brown, at the third attempt, attracted fresh speculative interest in other regionals, while the brewery sector as a whole staged a much-needed rally.

Matthew Brown, meanwhile, plummeted by 63p to 600p and S&N cheapened 4p to 199p in the wake of the bid going unconditional.

Greene, King, the East Anglian brewer of Abbot Ale, jumped by 28p to 458p as stories did the rounds that Elders IXL, Mr John Elliott's Australian brewing and sheep farming group, which holds a stake of just under 5 per cent in GK, is in the process of increasing its stake as a prelude to a full bid.

Vaux, the Sunderlandbrewer, was also popular and closed 21p higher at 510p. Rival Wolverhampton & Dudley sold a near-5 per cent stake in Vaux earlier this year, but takeover hopes have remained. Ladbroke, the leisure and property group, has been mentioned in the past as being interested in Vaux and its name cropped up again yesterday.

Wood Mackenzie, the broker, helped to bring about a better tone in the drinks sector. WM believes that the sector will prove resilient, with the domestic stocks providing a relatively safe haven. Bass — 19p up at 811p — is reckoned to be the best defensive stock, while S&N's strong yield support limits its downside.

WM, meanwhile, also rates Guinness a defensive stock with good upside potential. The big reorganization and rationalization of Distillers are more important factors than the US economy and all the surgery of the current year will feed through to benefits in 1988. The shares closed 4p easier at 266p.

Shares of Kwik-Fit Holdings, the car parts and tyres group, moved up by 11p to 165p as Mr Tom Farmer, the chairman, increased his stake in the company to more than 10 per cent.

The group recently reported record interim pretax profits — up by 50 per cent on the year to £8 million — and analysts were quick to revise upwards their year-end estimates.

Hopes are now high that the group's business will be considerably boosted as a result of the current turmoil in stock markets.

The theory is that those people nursing losses will have to keep their current car longer, shelve plans for a new vehicle and so spend more on parts such as exhausts, clutches, gear-boxes and tyres.

STC, Britain's second largest electronics group, fell by 22p to 206p on the announcement that Northern Telecom, the Canadian telecommunications group, is to reduce its recently-acquired stake in STC from 28 to 24 per cent.

TEMPUS

TI keeps its powder dry

Do not bother to turn up to TI Group's extraordinary meeting today, the main purpose of which is to approve a multi-million dollar takeover in the US.

TI is calling off its proposed acquisition of Bundy Corporation, wisely concluding that it can no longer justify paying $40 a share when the outlook for Wall Street in general, and the US economy in particular, is so uncertain.

Given that Bundy largely serves the American car market, and that the economic direction of the US is clouded by the recent stock market movements, nobody would thank TI for throwing good money away. In preference, TI is to keep its powder dry.

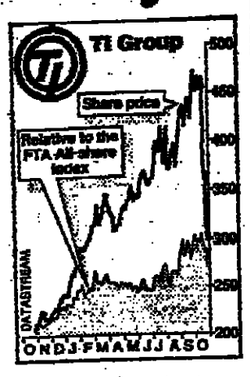
In any case, its $40 bid price contained quite a hefty premium over the $28 quote prior to the September bid announcement, and Bundy's share price has held up merely because of the cushion of TI's bid. Now that TI has withdrawn, Bundy's price has started to fall.

Luckily, the contract was so drawn up that the last-minute cancellation does not mean any breach of contract. But if TI has saved itself from writing a multi-million dollar cheque for Bundy, it will be holding its breath until November 15.

In August, when TI announced a $500 million deal for John Crane-Houdaille, the world's largest manufacturer of mechanical seals (a business TI believes is more broadly based and not as sensitive to present uncertainties), it was TI's plan to sell off peripheral engineering companies.

The prospective buyer of one part has until mid-November to finalize his arrangements to pay TI $220 million. At present, like Barkis, the buyer is still willing. But should he also withdraw, the net effect will be to put TI in a 50 per cent gearing position.

Bundy as an opportunity may come again. Meanwhile, cash remains king and time is on the side of buyers.



N Brown

Customers of the mail order specialists N Brown Group are often unkindly referred to as the fat, the old and the poor.

So there may be rough justice in the recent performance of N Brown's shares which have been a haven of calm in the rough, tough market place.

More than 60 per cent of the shares are controlled by Mr David Alliance, Coats Viyella chief, and his family, so a comparative lack of sellers has buoyed the price. At 800p, they are only 95p off their peak and, relative to the crashing market, they have outperformed by 87 per cent.

Yesterday's interim results further demonstrate that the niche approach to retailing pays dividends. Turnover from the core mail order business rose 30 per cent to £38.8 million and pretax profits were up 40 per cent to £3.9 million.

The balance of the turnover and profits, £2.5 million and £1 million respectively, was generated by four financial and commercial property services businesses bought in the last 18 months for a total investment of about £12 million.

The group has improved its margins by more accurately targeted marketing through manipulation of its database. Pretax profits of £13 million are forecast.

The shares, however, are now on a prospective multiple of 25; more than twice the market average and amply high enough.

Really useful Cats

It is of little comfort to classical theatre lovers that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats* has been a bigger box office success than the block-buster film *ET*, taking $2 million a week from three US shows alone. But it demonstrates how successful a good musical can be.

Cats accounted for 91 per cent of profits at the time of the Really Useful Group's flotation but provides 70 per cent of now increased profits. Recruitment of additional creative talent is being considered, but no one has yet been signed up.

So the management has had little to do beyond cashing in on the Lloyd Webber portfolio. It is protected from risk by choirs of theatrical "angels," taking on the initial risk for part of any reward.

Thus its main problem is the effective redeployment of cash generated from the core business.

Profits this year will grow but not as fast as the 33 per cent just reported since *Cats* is maturing and *Phantom of the Opera* is in its early stages.

The shares provide a glamorous alternative to more mundane investments but while Mr Lloyd Webber's talents provide most of the earnings, a better return may be had by becoming one of his angels.

HONG KONG

China aids exchange

China moved to support the Hong Kong stock market and futures exchange yesterday following the colony's biggest ever share crash.

The Bank of China is among institutions putting up HK$4 billion to keep the futures market afloat because of fears that many investors may default.

The exchange said yesterday that a further HK$2 billion in addition to the HK$2 billion announced on Sunday would be needed to bail it out.

The market picked up quickly on news of the deal and the Hang Seng Index closed at the day's highest level of 2,395.72 points, up 154.03 from Monday's close.

The futures exchange announced it had suspended 43 members, including a subsidiary of Hong Kong's biggest local stockbroking firm, Mansion House Securities, and a company part-owned by the stock exchange chairman, Mr Ronald Li.

SYDNEY

Bell chief loses £847m

From Richard Battley

The great crash, which wiped a further Aus$8 billion (£3.4 billion) off the market's capitalization yesterday, has badly affected Australia's entrepreneurs.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the country's richest person, is now Aus$2 billion (£847.5 million) poorer than he was on October 19.

This should be read in context, however: one of his companies, Bell Resources, has a large holding in BHP, the mining house. Calculated even on yesterday's bargain-basement prices, this is worth more than Aus$3 billion.

Mr Holmes à Court is down Aus$1.3 billion on paper on the BHP investment of 430 million shares. The stock has slumped from Aus$10.15 a fortnight ago to close last night at Aus$7.24.

The chief executive of The News Corporation, Mr Rupert Murdoch, has had a paper reduction in the value of his 48 per cent stake in the news group from Aus$2.5 billion to Aus$1.3 billion as at yesterday's close.

Since the crash, began The News Corporation shares have fallen 47.5 per cent, from Aus$20 to Aus$10.50. They hit a low of Aus$8.50 yesterday before rallying in the afternoon session.

Mr John Elliott has paper losses of Aus$5.3 million on his personal stake in Elders IXL, of which he is chief executive, but his precise losses are difficult to estimate.

The Elders senior managers involved with Mr Elliott in the AFP Investment Corp plan which provides them with 10 per cent of Elders if options are exercised in June and July, 1988 could stand to lose Aus$225 million. Mr Elliott, as the key player, would incur the larger portion of the loss.

Timely convertible bond issues and apparently recession-proof assets have left Mr Alan Bond's corporate flagship, Bond Corporation Holdings, well placed.

Bond Corporation, while highly geared with a net debt-to-equity ratio of about 300 per cent, has a solid spread of assets in this country's cash cow, the brewing industry, from which 60 per cent of group earnings are gleaned. As one analyst put it yesterday: "Australians love a beer, especially in a recession."

Mr Bruce Judge's Ariadne Australia did not see the crash coming. A few days before Black Tuesday, Mr Judge's other investment vehicle, Judge Corp, spent Aus$41 million buying Ariadne shares at Aus$3. Yesterday the closing price was Aus$1.

Mr Judge this year has seen the value of his 23 per cent stake in Ariadne fall from Aus$400 million to Aus$104 million.

Mr Ron Brierley owns 4 per cent of the shares in Brierley Investments, which was valued earlier this year at Aus$562 million. On yesterday's price of Aus$2.30, Mr Brierley has lost about Aus$10 million.

Brierley Investments owns 54 per cent of Industrial Equity, the share price of which has dropped by almost one-third from the year's high of Aus$7.10. More than Aus$2.8 billion has been wiped off the paper value of the company.

TOKYO

Nikkei rebounds strongly

After a fitful morning, Tokyo stock prices surged ahead yesterday afternoon to send the Nikkei Average up Y632.40 by the close of trading.

The day's gains, in heavy trading estimated at 1 billion shares, recouped much of the Y1,096.22 shed in Monday's precipitous drop as the Nikkei rose to Y22,834.96. The wider-based Tokyo Stock Exchange Index showed gains of 36.02 points to 1,854.27.

The rally, in contrast to the sharp fall in New York on Monday, led some analysts in Tokyo to speculate the TSE may have broken away from Wall Street's influence and begun to act on its own.

The Monday decline in Tokyo was unexpected, given New York's relative stability at the weekend, and yesterday's gains were equally out of character with Wall Street's results, they said.

Yesterday morning, the Nikkei Average quickly showed losses, apparently a direct reaction to New York's weakness, then moved erratically until the morning close when it managed a marginal Y75.60 gain.

In the afternoon, however, market players shook off their reticence and began to buy strongly, sending the average climbing.

Japan's Finance Minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, said yesterday that he felt the earlier losses were only "aftershocks" of last week's "Black Tuesday"

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CBI survey highlights optimism in industry

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday demonstrated that manufacturing industry was in many respects in its best state for a decade, and said that the stock market crash would have little impact on the nation's economic growth.

Publishing one of its most buoyant industrial trends surveys, the employers' organization said it was providing further evidence of strength and growth in the British economy.

The survey — coming just seven days before CBI members gather in Glasgow for their annual conference — paints a picture of continuously rising business optimism, vigorous growth in demand at home, higher output, and the first signs of a halt in the downward spiral of manufacturing employment.

CBI leaders yesterday reiterated their view that the "hysteria" of the stock markets was unjustified and did not in any way reflect the strength of the British economy.

Wigglesworth: confident

CBI economists will be reviewing their 1988 forecasts next month, by which time they expect to be able to make a reasoned assessment of the impact of the fall in share prices. But the CBI prediction that manufacturing output will be 5.5 per cent higher in the final quarter of this year than a year ago is unlikely to be changed significantly.

Mr David Wigglesworth, the chairman of the CBI economic situation committee, said yesterday that the survey showed strong demand, that manufacturers expected to go on increasing their output over the next four months and to employ more people.

The survey of 1,358 companies — which account for half of manufacturing employment and exports — was completed before the world stock market crises, but the committee discussed its findings last Friday and decided that the fall in the Stock Exchange did not greatly affect the mood of optimism. The survey showed that business confidence at the time it was taken was high, with 31 per cent of companies saying they were more optimistic than four months before.

Mr Wigglesworth said of the crash: "There is likely to be some impact on British exports to the United States as well as on home demand from people feeling poorer and less confident. But this should not be exaggerated, and the underlying health of the economy remains good."

Manufacturing order books are now regarded as above normal by more firms than at any time since 1977, although capital goods producers still report their order books to be below normal.

Nearly all firms are expecting to benefit from the rise in output, says the CBI, but there are no signs of overheating in the economy and lack of capacity is not a major constraint. The proportion of companies working below capacity has fallen to 41 per cent.

In the last quarter there has been no fall in employment in manufacturing; more than a fifth of firms, mostly small enterprises, said they expected to employ more people in the coming four months, and 60 per cent said that they would be maintaining existing levels.

Mr Wigglesworth added: "Except for lower share values, the economy is in much the same shape as it was two weeks ago.

NFC to decide on going public

By Alison Eadie

The board of the National Freight Consortium will decide on Friday, against a backdrop of falling stock markets, whether to recommend a public flotation to its employee share owners.

The top 100 managers of the NFC, responsible for the buyout from the Government in February 1982, will meet on Friday morning to discuss the issues. The board will then reach a decision that afternoon and put its recommendation to shareholders at the annual meeting in February.

NFC shares are valued quarterly and can only be traded on four dealing days a year. The shares are now worth 135p each, compared with an equivalent starting price, after a scrip issue and share splits, of 2.5p.

The main reason for going public would be to ensure marketability of the shares. The present matched bargain basis of trading experiences a turnover of about 6 per cent of the company's equity a year.

The fall-out in the stock market could mean that the next valuation of shares — due next month — will show a levelling off, or even falling, in price for the first time. The state of the stock market is one of the factors considered by the independent valuers in assessing the worth of NFC shares.

The company is valued at £418 million but is expected to be worth considerably more if floated. Sir Peter Thompson, chairman, accepts the inevitability of going public, but the method and timing of flotation are open to debate.

Bus privatization, page 30

Molins chief leaves after board decision

A boardroom split at Molins, the manufacturer of machinery for the tobacco industry, has resulted in the ejection of Mr Christopher Ross as managing director by the "unanimous decision of the rest of the board" of the company.

Dr Tess Frankel, the chairman of the company, is taking over Mr Ross's duties until a new managing director is appointed to the position. Dr Frankel said Mr Ross's departure was the result of basic incompatability in management style and temprament. There was no difference of opinion over the company's strategy.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

A blow to London's world market status

If the Chancellor, or the Prime Minister, had decided that it was right to shelve the £7.2 billion BP share sale, he should have said so in the Commons yesterday. If he has decided that the sale will go ahead, he should have said so in the Commons yesterday. He may want, as the party pundits suggest, merely to allow time for the ritual procedures of consultation between the bankers, brokers and underwriters, the Treasury and the Bank of England to be gone through at length. He will then announce the decision which he made at the beginning: the sale will go on, as he implied it would in his statement in the Commons yesterday.

Not everyone reads events of the last two days in the same light. Less flatteringly, the Chancellor is seen to have dithered; and to be looking for some small miracle in the London, Wall Street and Tokyo markets that would help him resolve a serious dilemma. Furthermore, if Mr Lawson sticks to his thin red line and the offer is not withdrawn, Mrs Thatcher will have missed a great opportunity of showing the kind of international leadership which she insists is again part of Britain's prerogative.

At a time of grave weakness in the financial markets, the Japanese have done their judicious best to organize support in the Tokyo market, the West Germans have relented on their strict approach to interest rates, and the Americans have pumped money into the system to stave off bankruptcies.

While it is true that we have brought down bank base rates by half a percentage point, the Government's response to the collapse in share prices has been belligerent — "I am not going to be dictated to by markets" (Mr Lawson); chauvinistic — blaming James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, for actually starting the collapse and attacking the Bundesbank for not cutting interest rates (Mr Lawson again); and lacking, so far, the one major gesture — pulling the BP issue — that would be seen in every leading financial centre as positive and statesmanlike.

Postponing the sale would not be difficult, requiring only a simple acknowledgment of the dangers inherent in crashing markets and the common sense of not putting additional liqudity strains on a system already under potentially damaging pressure. Withdrawal would save a great British company from the stigma of a failed issue and the depressing weight of unwanted stock on the BP share price. It would relieve 100,000 or more small shareholders, and perhaps 10,000 BP employees who have already put in their applications for shares, from the depressing sight of an instant capital loss. And far from jeopardising the privatization programme, it would have helped to guarantee support for it in the future.

Moreover, the underwriters undoubtedly have a strong legal case for withdrawal based on the clause in the underwriting agreement which refers to "a proper underwriting risk" when "financial, political, industrial or economic conditions" have changed materially.

There is a determination to ignore consequences of this kind, seemingly in favour of a macho political display by the Chancellor and the sheer delight among some Tory backbenchers of rubbing the noses of underwriters and "the City" in very expensive dirt.

The Government, of course, is committed to income tax reductions and, understandably, does not want to forgo the revenue from the BP sale. But if it looks a little further ahead, it may regret the damage the issue is likely to do to London as an international financial centre. Some 40 per cent of the BP shares has been underwritten overseas, mainly in the US and Japan. They may, or they may not, take their impending losses like men but two things are certain: they will not take kindly to the general joy with which their bad luck is greeted here; nor will they be impressed by the machinery of comsultation by which decisions in the BP case are taken and the narrow nationalistic attitude we are taking to the worst shakeout in stock markets since 1929.

When the talk turned yesterday to long-term worries about the privatization programme and, heaven forfend, doubts over the public sector borrowing requirement, things were going much too far. The PSBR is heading for a third successive large undershoot this year, with or without the £1.1 billion the Treasury expects to get from BP.

Slower growth in the economy may make a large public sector repayment somewhat less likely. But the £4 billion target/forecast, which the Chancellor will update in his autumn statement within the next fortnight, will be met with quite a bit to spare.

The loss of BP would leave a hole in the privatization programme this year. But with nearly £4 billion of the £5 billion target already in — £1.8 billion from British Gas, £1.1 billion from Rolls-Royce, £480 million from BAA and £430 million from British Airways — the Treasury has already done most of its work in this area.

Next year, nearly half of the £5 billion target is already firm — from the third British Gas payment and the second instalment of BAA. The Government can also, from April 1988, sell its remaining 49.8 per cent stake in British Telecom. Even after the shake-out, that stake was worth £6.5 billion yesterday, enough to tide the privatization programme over until water and electricity proceeds start to flow in.

Kennedy in £64m hotel deal

By Michael Tate

London's five-star Londonderry Hotel and the luxury Howard Hotel in Manhattan have changed hands in a deal worth £64 million.

The buyer is Kennedy Brookes, the hotels and catering group, which is acquiring them from the Barclays Hotels Group in return for an 11.5 per cent stake in Kennedy and £45 million in cash.

The Kennedy shares have been valued at 390p, a premium of 14 per cent to Monday's closing stock market price.

Both hotels are prime properties in fashionable areas. The 150-bedroom Londonderry, on Park Lane, is held on a long lease and has planning permission for £3.5 million of bedroom extensions. The 107-bedroom Howard, located between East 55th Street and Park Avenue, is freehold.

Mr Michael Golder, the Kennedy chairman, says that the deal "strengthens and further focuses Kennedy Brookes' existing hotel operations".

On completion of the deal, about 80 per cent of Kennedy's assets will be invested in the hotel industry. It will own 21 hotels, including the four-star Onslow in London's Queen's Gate. The two London hotels are expected to play an important role in the marketing of Kennedy's other hotels.

Nedo warns on shares

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

If the stock market falls below its present levels, fast-growing companies seeking to raise equity capital could encounter difficulties, the National Economic Development Office said yesterday.

But should interest rates then drop, established companies would be able to use such financing more readily, Mr Walter Eltis, Nedo's economics director, said.

A venture such as the Channel tunnel project, however, would be affected because of its reliance on equity capital, he added.

His comments coincided with Nedo's 1987 edition of its British Industrial Performance survey. Mr John Cassels, the Nedo director-general, said the survey showed the underlying performance in Britain's competitiveness was more encouraging than for some time.

Improvements in labour productivity had been favourable by international standards, inflation was under control and profitability was rising, making it possible for companies to invest more, Mr Cassels said.

John Cassels: 'encouraging'

Walter Eltis: 'well placed'

The effect of the stock market crash on industry had to be seen in the context of the market. With a fifth of the value off the top, it was back to its position of last January, Mr Eltis said.

"If the market stays there then it does not significantly change things. Things will only change significantly if there is more instability in the world stock markets," he said.

If markets did not worsen further, he expected companies to be "fairly relaxed" about investment. The internal profits of British companies were better than for a long time, which meant this was another possible source of investment financing, he added.

"If British industry is going to have to produce in a less favourable environment for the next few years then the competitiveness of British industry is going to be especially important." But it was possible to prosper even in an unfriendly environment, he said.

On cost competitiveness, Britain was "rather well placed" to survive if times became more difficult, said Mr Eltis. But the country was less well placed than most competitors on investment, including research and development, and on the proportion of the population in higher education.

Britons' standard of living, measured on real gross domestic product per head of the population, has improved by 60 per cent over 20 years. In this time, Britain, from a leading position behind the US, has fallen behind West Germany, Japan and France, the survey showed. Britain was now 20th in the industrialized countries league.

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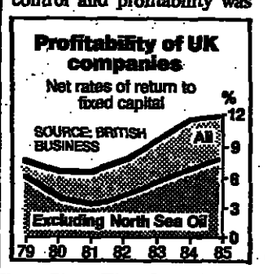

Celltech planning £50 million placing

By Alexandra Jackson

Celltech, a leading European biotechnology group, is planning to raise approximately £50 million through an international private placing later this year by Baring Brothers, the merchant bank.

Mr Gerard Fairtlough, the chief executive of Celltech said: "Despite recent happenings on world stock markets, we are confident of our ability to proceed with the placing. The fundamentals for the business remain intact."

Celltech has a well established business involved, among other activities, in the production of monoclonal antibodies for its own and third party use. These are increasingly deployed in the pharmaceuticals industry.

The money raised in the placing will be used to fund the group's expansion into the bio-pharmaceuticals market. Celltech aims to develop and market drugs itself rather than licence them to large pharmaceuticals companies.

Celltech has six products in its portfolio which are in the course of development. The two most advanced of these aim to treat shock and brain haemorrhage. Celltech's technological experience is expected to enable it to launch a drug for two-thirds of the industry's normal average of $100 million (£59.31 million).

Celltech announced yesterday that it has been awarded a contract worth several million pounds from Ortho Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, to produce EPO, a hormone used in the treatment of kidney disease.

Celltech is currently owned by several institutional and corporate shareholders and since its establishment in 1980 has raised £27 million. In due course it will seek a full listing.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Eat, drink and why worry?

The depression which has been hanging over the stock market was temporarily forgotten last night as hundreds of brokers and merchant bankers stayed on after office hours to celebrate the first anniversary of Big Bang. Jolliest by far was the "Big Bang Boogie" aboard a Thames paddle steamer, organized by stockbroker Wood Mackenzie for its staff of 160. "We wouldn't have considered cancelling it," says senior partner John Chiene. "It's always a good idea to let off steam, and that's just what we did. We got through last week in shipshape condition and so we've got every reason to celebrate." Meanwhile, some 450 other City slickers were sipping champagne and gin and tonic at a cocktail party at the Whitbread Brewery in Chiswell Street. It was hosted by Consultants Computer & Financial, supplier of back office and dealing room computers to most of London's major financial institutions. "No one decided not to come because of the stock market," says CCF chairman Tim Simon. "People are worried by its gyrations, but they are a lot more positive about it now."

Moore, please

Not many company chief executives would crack open a celebratory bottle of champagne within minutes of learning that their personal fortune had been diminished by £1.6 million. But Alan Moore, who owns 6 per cent of Burns Anderson — soon to be switched from industrials to the financials sector — was consoled by the fact that the company had just banked £11 million in cash from the sale of its industrial interests. "I went off to France for a week's holiday, the weekend before the crash," says Moore — whose chairman is the ex-ICI chief, Sir John Harvey-Jones — "and telephoned the office on Tuesday, knowing nothing about what had happened While it was quite a salutory experience to realise that my stake had fallen by more than a million, it also means that acquisitions will be easier and cheaper for us, with all that money in the bank."

"Tell them again not to panic, Nigel"

BP, in black and white

Queues have been forming, I hear, in the Gresham Street offices of City law firm Linklaters to see the underwriting agreement for the BP offer — a document on public display there. One articled clerk found himself queueing for more than half an hour, along with City soliciters and merchant bankers, all apparently eager to read the *"force majeure"* clause which states that the offer for sale can be "terminated" in the event of a "material change in relevant circumstances." Linklaters, solicitors to BP, has, in accordance with Stock Exchange rules, been making this and other BP flotation documents available to any member of the public who requests to see them. "We don't keep records of who asks to see them and so we have no idea how many people have been in," says partner Len Berkowitz.

Sugary talk

You certainly have to be thick-skinned to survive, unscathed, in the Square Mile these days. Amstrad's shares slumped 11p to 122p yesterday for no obvious reason. Was it, I asked, fears about the launch of its new £399 lap-top portable computer, scheduled for today? "No," replied one seasoned market-maker, "it's just that Sugar's appearing on *Wogan*." Alan Sugar, colourful chairman of the computer group, will indeed be appearing on the chat show this evening — a television must for all shareholders.

On your superbike

City yuppies contemplating the sale of their Porches, think, it seems, that a custom-made bicycle is a more street credible alternative means of transport than a third-hand Reliant Robin. One City institution where the collapse in share prices is having a positive effect on its balance sheet is Condor Cycles, a purveyor of hand-built racing and touring bicycles to three generations of City slickers *et al* — including Gerald Ronson and Mick Jagger. Monty Young, managing director of the Grays Inn-based firm, tells me: "Dozens of miserable-looking people from the City have been filing through my doors during the past few days saying they are having to give up their fancy cars and would like to replace them with a custom-built bicycle." They range from around £250 to £5,000, and optional extras include a solar-powered computer to measure distance, speed and the rider's pulse rate. One Japanese broker who ordered a £1,035 bike at the weekend spent a further £300 on clothing — a skin tight body suit, Biggles-style goggles and head band.

● Institutional investors are suddenly appreciating the attractions of unquoted investments. Directors of Celltech, a biotechnology group planning a private placing this year, were greeted enthusiastically on a recent marketing trip to potential investors in Europe. "If it's not quoted, you can't watch it go down," said one Parisian fund manager.

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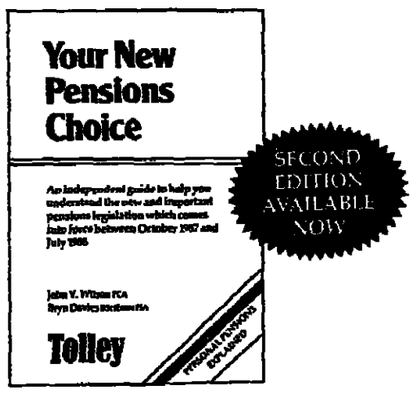

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Government initiative to help Britain's holiday industry

Training in tourism needs 'new strategy'

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

A new strategy for training in Britain's growing tourism industry is the aim of an initiative announced yesterday by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

He is calling a meeting of key people from the industry to form a working group to establish a comprehensive and co-ordinated strategy for training.

Mr Fowler said his department had a major role to ensure the industry continued to grow and maximize its employment potential. The growth rate of jobs in recent years had been in the region of 50,000 a year, he pointed out. The industry now supports 1.4 million jobs and earns £15 billion a year.

Mr Fowler made the announcement at a conference on tourism training in London at which industry leaders suggested that training needs should be met for leisure and sport as well as for the hotels and restaurants side of the industry.

Norman Fowler: initiative

Mr John Lee, minister for tourism, said: "Throughout the country there are to be found hotels and catering establishments that are short of people. The industry is beginning to do more itself to open doors to youngsters particularly. The thrust nationally should be to improve the quality of training and especially to improve the co-ordination of it. There is now a realization by employers that not enough has been done on this."

The working party is expected to produce its first recommendations in time for a national conference early in the new year. The aim is to ensure implementation of the new strategy by the autumn of 1989.

Although there are about 15,000 YTS training places for the industry being provided at a cost of about £30 million, it may be that the tourism industry is receiving too low a share of Manpower Services Commission resources, Mr Lee said.

Nor will the industry necessarily be expected to expand its own spending on training substantially, given the extensive expenditure by some of the large companies in the sector.

Dahlawi buys 5.9% stake in Tranwood

By Michael Tate

The powerful Al Dahlawi family of Saudi Arabia is the latest recruit to the share register at Tranwood, the young financial services and industrial investment group run by Mr Nick Oppenheim and Mr Peter Earl.

The Al Dahlawi Company has spent more than £2 million on a 5.9 per cent share stake in Tranwood, and Sheikh Amin Dahlawi, head of the family and chairman of the company, has joined the Tranwood board.

Commenting on the deal yesterday, Mr Peter Earl said it gave Tranwood a "direct link-up with a major financial trading and services company in the Middle East."

The bulk of Al Dahlawi's shares has been acquired from Mr Oppenheim and Mr Earl, who are left with holdings of 3.7 per cent and 7.1 per cent respectively. The holdings will rise to 4 per cent and 9 per cent on conversion of warrants next year. The purchase price was 42p.

Engineers 'earn £20,300 a year'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Chartered professional engineers have average annual earnings of just over £20,300, and a tenth of them are paid £30,000 or more. Technician engineers average just over £15,100 a year.

These figures emerge from the latest biennial survey of the engineering profession, out yesterday, from the Engineering Council, umbrella body for the profession.

For the past two years, the survey says, gross earnings for both engineer grades have kept comfortably ahead of price increases. The survey shows, on the basis of median earnings, that chartered engineers saw a rise of nearly 15 per cent over the two years, while technician engineers' earnings rose 16 per cent.

Highest earnings for both grades were to be found in the petroleum and petrochemicals industry, followed by electricity generation or distribution and postal and communications services. General management yielded the best rewards, but almost as good were marketing and sales for chartered engineers and, for technician engineers, instrumentation and control.

Unemployment in the profession continues to be low, with only 1 per cent jobless at the time of the survey last April. There is also more overtime working, with about half the chartered engineers reporting working an average week of more than 42½ hours.

There were increases in the number of engineers taking courses in business studies or management, but three-quarters of them felt that there was still room for improvement in their own continuing education and training.

Fewer professional engineers are now members of a trade union. The proportion of chartered engineers with union membership has dropped from 40 per cent to 36.7 per cent while technician engineers reported a drop from 53.5 per cent to 50.5 per cent.

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Two purchases by John Haggas

John Haggas has agreed to acquire Newarke Wools and Hermit Wool Shops which are privately-owned knitting wool retailing companies based in the Midlands and the North-east respectively. These acquisitions involve the issue of 1.79 million ordinary shares (about 8.2 per cent). Newarke's pretax profits for the year ended March 31 last were £336,000 on a turnover of £5.7 million, almost all of which derived from the sale of hand knitting wools. Hermit's pretax profits for the year ended March 31 last were £31,000 on a turnover of £2.1 million, almost all of which derived from the sale of hand knitting wools.

Profits double

French Connection, the fashion group, has reported doubled pretax profits to £2.5 million at the interim stage. Turnover rose by 36 per cent to £30.6 million and the dividend was unchanged at 1.75p. The board said that initial results indicate a good performance in the second half.

Offer for PLM

A recommended offer is being made by Industrivaerden, a Swedish investment company, for PLM of Sweden. The terms are 13 convertible participation notes in Industrivaerden for every 10 PLM shares. This offer is equal to a price for the PLM share of about 305 kronor (£28.75) based on the price for the Industrivaerden shares on October 23. PLM employees who own PLM convertible notes will receive a similar offer.

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Inco quarterly

Inco is paying a dividend of 5 cents for the third quarter of 1987. Net sales reached $415 million (£246 million), against $306 million, while operating results climbed to $93 million ($30 million). During the first nine months of 1987, Inco generated an internal cash surplus of $69 million which was used to reduce debt. It is entering the fourth quarter with the strongest markets in five years for its principal products—nickel and copper — and with unit production costs below 1980 levels.

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Kleinwort Ben N/P	3 –2
Lancs N/P	4 +1
Lilleshall N/P	2
Marina Dev N/P	
New England N/P	2 –1
Securiguard N/P	
Stonehill N/P	20 +5
Wace N/P	4

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	260	290	–10
56	16	Aber Am Pet	35	38	nc
150	110	Allied Ind	131	141	nc
78	48	Amercoal	47	52	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	73	78	+3
285	116	Broadcast	180	200	nc
192	61	Carrotech	87	97	–3
103	45	Catalyst	68	72	nc
203	153	Chelsea Art	180	195	+15
110	60	Chemex Intl	58	68	nc
159	120	Coraac	115	125	–5
151	50	Corton Bch	87	92	+5
228	150	Crown Eye	160	170	+13
68	18	Eglinton	16	20	nc
45	11	Do Wnts	11	13	nc
186	1	Far E Res	90	100	+5
110	76	Gardner (J)	80	85	nc
53	29	Haworbilt	34	39	nc
73	66	Kemp (PE)	67	72	+2
181	65	Leading Lsr	72	77	+6
95	68	Lynx Tech	80	90	+10
160	115	Medicare	123	133	nc
60	15	Pub Hldgs	47	52	+9
128	103	Seacon	96	106	nc
87	46	Theme Hldgs	46	56	+1
715	155	UPL	150	160	nc
140	103	Unlt Group	96	106	nc

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyons (*334)	330	33	48	55	27	35	37
	360	18	35	43	47	53	60
	390	10	23	30	70	75	78
Boots (*608)	600	70	95	115	55	65	80
	650	48	68	92	80	90	100
	700	27	45	75	110	120	130
Brit Air (*150)	140	35	48	60	18	22	30
	160	25	40	50	25	35	50
	180	15	25	40	40	40	50
Brit Com (*345)	300	65	90	105	20	30	40
	330	50	75	90	35	45	55
	360	30	50	60	50	60	70
Brit Gas (*142)	135	25	—	18	—	—	40
	140	—	22	38	—	23	30
	150	—	20	25	—	35	42
BP (*258)	260	32	45	56	30	40	50
	280	22	32	45	47	57	67
	300	14	23	32	62	67	80
British (*215)	200	45	53	65	28	35	45
	220	32	42	55	34	50	58
	240	20	35	50	53	69	70
Cons Gold (*615)	650	130	190	240	120	170	210
	700	100	160	215	155	200	240
	750	80	140	195	180	235	275
Courtauld (*352)	360	35	45	55	40	50	55
	390	25	35	40	65	70	75
	420	13	25	35	90	95	100
	460	6	14	22	120	120	125
Cons Union (*332)	300	70	80	90	30	35	40
	330	45	55	65	40	45	55
	360	25	35	50	55	60	70
C & W (*303)	260	72	90	110	23	35	55
	280	65	75	100	35	48	60
	300	55	70	85	45	53	70
	330	35	60	75	65	80	100
GEC (*180)	180	29	37	48	18	27	30
	200	17	28	38	30	37	42
	220	12	22	25	45	56	55
GKN (*258)	260	35	50	55	35	48	58
	280	28	40	53	47	62	70
	300	23	33	47	60	75	83
	330	15	27	38	85	97	105
Grand Met (*492)	390	50	60	75	25	40	50
	420	38	45	60	40	60	70
	460	23	35	48	73	90	100
	500	10	23	35	107	115	120
ICI (*1075)	1050	160	200	230	80	100	120
	1100	140	170	200	100	120	140
	1150	115	140	180	130	150	170
	1200	95	120	145	170	190	205
Jaguar (*328)	330	50	70	80	45	60	65
	360	40	55	60	65	75	85
	390	30	50	70	85	95	105
Land Sec (*436)	420	50	65	80	45	53	60
	460	33	45	63	65	75	80
	500	18	30	45	85	95	105
M & S (*208)	200	28	40	48	18	20	25
	220	20	30	35	23	30	33
	240	12	18	27	40	43	45
R-Royce (*128)	120	35	50	50	20	22	25
	130	25	40	45	25	30	35
	140	20	28	30	30	35	40
	160	11	20	25	40	55	60
Shell (*1050)	1000	140	190	275	80	115	160
	1050	100	160	240	95	135	190
	1100	80	130	210	130	160	230
Standard (*283)	280	30	45	65	20	30	37
	300	25	37	47	40	45	47
	330	15	25	32	65	63	65
	360	10	18	—	85	85	—
Tesdale (*295)	280	50	65	75	13	20	22
	300	33	50	63	30	35	40
	330	18	37	48	45	52	57
TSB (*118)	110	20	26	30	6	12	15
	120	17	19	24	15	17	18
	130	8	13	18	20	23	25
Woolworth (*289)	280	45	55	60	30	35	40
	300	30	50	55	50	55	70
	330	20	25	46	65	70	85
	360	—	17	—	—	85	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*124)	120	30	43	50	20	25	30
	130	25	37	45	23	30	35
	140	16	30	38	30	35	40
Barclays (*463)	460	80	100	120	20	30	40
	480	50	75	95	40	50	60
	500	30	50	70	65	75	85
Beecham (*402)	380	45	65	80	45	55	70
	420	30	50	65	65	70	85
	460	18	23	56	95	105	115
	500	10	25	38	125	140	150
Boots (*234)	220	35	42	50	15	20	22
	240	22	33	40	29	33	35
	260	15	25	32	42	44	47
BTR (*256)	220	53	63	65	10	17	22
	240	37	50	62	20	25	30
	260	25	37	43	30	35	43
Blue Circ (*310)	300	50	70	85	30	38	48
	330	35	50	60	50	55	60
	360	—	40	50	—	78	82
Dixons (*282)	240	52	60	68	17	20	23
	260	40	45	57	27	28	30
	280	27	37	45	32	35	38
De Beers (*1075)	1100	100	—	—	100	—	—
	1200	70	—	—	180	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers	1300	40	—	—	250	—	—
	1400	20	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1132)	1100	120	190	190	100	120	160
	1150	95	130	170	130	150	190
	1200	75	110	150	160	190	220
	1250	55	86	126	190	215	250
Hanson (*125)	110	24	28	31	6	8	10
	120	18	22	26	11	14	16
	130	12	16	20	17	20	22
	140	8	13	17	28	27	28
Lonrho (*232)	200	32	60	70	13	18	23
	220	38	48	58	20	28	28
	240	—	38	48	—	35	42
	260	—	28	40	—	47	53
Midland (*385)	330	75	105	120	20	30	40
	360	50	80	100	38	45	55
	390	40	70	85	55	65	75
Sears (*125)	120	18	20	28	13	18	18
	130	12	15	18	20	22	25
	140	6	11	13	28	28	30
Tesco (*167)	160	—	38	38	—	18	22
	167	16	—	24	—	—	—
	183	6	20	—	32	38	—
Thorn EMI (*470)	460	80	110	130	50	65	80
	500	55	80	98	75	90	105
	550	30	60	80	100	115	135
	600	15	40	50	140	155	170
TSB (*203)	200	30	38	42	30	30	33
	220	16	27	35	45	45	50
	240	8	17	25	58	58	58
Unilever (*470)	460	60	100	120	30	40	50
	460	50	80	95	45	60	75
	500	35	55	70	65	80	90
Wellcome (*310)	300	50	65	75	38	43	50
	330	35	45	60	58	60	70
	360	25	48	50	75	80	85

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*108)	100	15	25	30	8	17	20
	110	10	20	25	15	22	28
	120	5	15	22	23	28	35
Brit Aero (*397)	380	50	75	88	25	40	55
	390	30	55	65	38	60	70
	420	15	40	50	60	75	80
BAT Ind (*451)	460	30	60	73	30	43	55
	500	17	40	53	60	68	80
	550	11	23	40	108	113	120
	600	5	14	30	155	158	165
Brit Tele (*220)	220	22	35	40	15	20	30
	240	12	20	35	30	32	35
	260	4	12	20	45	50	53
Cadbury (*224)	220	18	28	30	13	18	22
	240	11	18	18	25	27	30
	260	5	9	10	45	47	50
Guinness (*267)	260	30	43	53	17	25	32
	280	15	33	43	27	35	40
	300	8	20	35	45	50	53
Ladbroke (*333)	330	25	43	50	18	27	40
	360	8	27	37	43	50	60
	376	—	22	30	—	60	70
LASMO (*270)	260	28	38	50	27	35	43
	280	18	28	42	43	55	58
	300	12	20	35	60	65	75
Pilkington (*218)	200	40	53	60	15	23	28
	220	25	47	50	25	28	38
	240	13	32	35	40	45	53
	260	8	17	27	55	60	65
Plessey (*147)	140	25	35	45	17	25	30
	160	15	25	35	30	35	40
	180	8	18	25	42	47	53
P & O (*482)	420	75	100	110	13	20	27
	460	45	75	85	27	38	55
	500	22	55	65	43	55	65
Prudential (*783)	750	18	110	130	40	60	75
	800	60	80	100	60	70	80
	850	35	60	75	100	105	110
Racal (*216)	220	24	37	50	22	30	37
	240	13	30	40	40	45	55
	260	9	25	33	57	60	70
RTZ (*310)	300	60	105	130	30	55	80
	330	—	75	110	—	80	100
	360	30	55	85	80	110	130
	390	20	40	65	100	150	160
Vaal Reef (*108)	110	12	20	28	14	18	23
	120	8	15	22	20	25	25
	130	5	12	17	30	32	35
Tr 11¾% 1991 (£108)	102	4¾	4¾	—	⅜	5/16	—
	104	2¾	2⅞	—	7/32	13/16	—
	106	⅜	1⅜	—	11/16	1¾	—
	108	9/32	⅜	—	2 1/16	4 9/16	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£116)	110	7¾	8 7/16	6⅞	1/32	1 9/16	1⅞
	112	5⅞	7 7/16	6	7/16	3 9/16	2 11/16
	114	4¾	5¾	6¾	⅜	2⅝	3 9/16
	116	3 5/16	5¾	1⅝	3⅝	4 11/16	—
	118	1⅞	3 9/16	4 9/16	5 9/16	5⅞	5

FT-SE INDEX (*1700)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1700	80	150	150	190	80	150	170	200
1750	40	115	130	170	120	170	190	220
1800	30	100	110	150	150	200	220	240
1850	30	80	100	130	170	240	250	280
1900	20	50	90	115	200	280	290	320
1950	20	45	75	110	250	320	330	350
2000	10	40	60	100	300	360	375	400
2050	4	35	—	—	350	400	—	—

October 27, 1987 Total: 32338 Calls 19169 Puts 13169 FT-SE: Calls 1223 Puts 1312

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 19	October 31	January 21	February 1

Call options were taken out on: 27/10/87 Morgan Grenfell, Amstrad, Argyll Trust, Phoenix Prop., Southend Stadium, Caradon, Lonrho, Dixons Heal, B Elliott, BP, Tottenham Hotspur, BOMS, Borthwick, Rolls-Royce, Britoil, Wellcome, Hillsdown, GKN, Bryant Holdings, Newage Transmission, CH Bailey.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	9.50%
Consolidated Crds	9.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.50%
Lloyds Bank	9.50%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
2	Dickie Heel	Industrials A-D	
3	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
4	HK Shanghai	Banks,Discount	
5	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
6	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	Breweries	
7	Rank Org (aa)	Industrials L-R	
8	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Medminster	Leisure	
10	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
11	Scot Met	Property	
12	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
13	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
14	Courtaulds (aa)	Textiles	
15	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	Wolverhmptn & D	Breweries	
17	Quest Automation	Electricals	
18	BSG	Motors,Aircraft	
19	Capital Radio	Leisure	
20	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
21	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
22	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
23	Bilton (P)	Property	
24	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
25	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
26	Arlen	Electricals	
27	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
28	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
29	Stonehill	Industrials S-Z	
30	Allied Lon	Property	
31	Barton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
32	Elswick	Industrials E-K	
33	Textured Jersey	Textiles	
34	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
35	Rover	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Spear (JW)	Industrials S-Z	
37	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
38	AB Elect	Electricals	
39	Brent Walker	Leisure	
40	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
41	Hong Kong Land	Property	
42	Pracom	Electricals	
43	Arlington Secs	Property	
44	Reuters (aa)	Industrials L-R	
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Please take into account any minus signs

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Technical rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 26. Dealings end November 6. §Contango day November 9. Settlement day November 16. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 30)

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L-R

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Unit trust investment at record £1.15bn

The Unit Trust Association said yesterday that September had been a bumper month for the industry. Net new investment was a record £1.159 billion, and the total value of funds under management reached a record £50.333 billion. The number of unit-holder accounts rose by a record 329,000, giving a total of 4,749,000. Gross sales were £1.683 billion.

However, figures for October are expected to tell a different story. The UTA estimates the current figure for the total of funds under management to now be nearer £40 billion.

Apprentices revival call

Mr Ian MacLaurin (right), the chairman of Tesco, yesterday called for apprentice schemes to be revived as a means of finding work for school leavers. They were regarded by some as "an educational misfit, yet they worked in the past and could work in the future," he said at the Associated Examining Board annual awards.

Warner Howard talks

Warner Howard, which supplies commercial laundry systems and warm air hand dryers, is negotiating to buy a complementary business only months after going public.

The company said yesterday that increasing emphasis on new rental business had lifted margins and helped boost pretax profits from £1.21 million to £1.6 million in the half year to August on turnover of £6.31 million. There is an interim dividend of 0.93p. Warner Howard said it has introduced new products, some of which are particularly suited for renting to local authorities.

Crest division sold for £1m

Crest Nicholson, the property and construction group, has sold its electronic interests to Oglesby & Butler for £1.03 million. The annual pretax profits of the businesses being sold were £7,000 to end-October 1986. Net tangible assets at that date were £1.16 million. The consideration will be payable in cash.

Property firm issue flops

Allied London Properties' £40 million rights issue was another casualty of the stock market collapse. Almost half the convertible preference shares on offer have been left with underwriters. The issue, announced on September 10, attracted acceptances in respect of only 55.5 per cent of the new shares.

Viking up at halftime

Viking Resources Trust reports profits up from £343,000 to £460,000 in the six months to end-September. The company is repeating the interim dividend at 0.55p a share. More significant, however, has been the doubling of the group's investment in American oil and gas producing fields, from £8.9 million to £17.9 million.

This continued acquisition policy has attracted Mr Ron Brierley and Mr Alan Bond as substantial shareholders. The board says the value of gas will experience "a considerable uplift" in the coming years and that Viking will benefit substantially. The trust's net asset value is up from 51p to 77.8p, reflecting continued stability in oil prices.

Proceeds from National Bus estimated at £306m

Proceeds from the sale of the National Bus Company are expected to be three times the original estimate, Mr Rodney Lund, the chairman, said yesterday.

With most of the 72 subsidiaries sold, the disposal programme should be completed by next March – almost 12 months ahead of schedule.

Mr Lund, presenting the company's report and accounts for the 15 months to the end of March 1987, said it was estimated that the eventual net sales proceeds would be £306 million.

This figure was well in excess of the group's asset value and contrasted with early speculation of proceeds between £80 million and £100 million.

The success of the NBC disposal programme means the Government should receive more than £80 million extra from the proceeds than expected after outstanding loans and debts are repaid.

The privatization of NBC, whose subsidiaries include National Express, City of Oxford Motor Services and Southdown, was approved by the Government in May last year.

The Government, however, decided the company should be privatized not as one unit but as separate local subsidiaries.

By October 1, 45 of the 72 subsidiaries had been sold with the whole or a majority shareholding going to the management and/or employees in 27 instances.

Mr Lund said the selling-off of the company had led to "more than a few complications" but he paid tribute to local managements for their hard work.

One consequence of the privatization is that Victoria Coach Station in London, will be sold to London Regional Transport.

Pressac soars 64% to £2.8m

By Alison Eadie

Pretax profits at Pressac Holdings, the electro-mechanical component manufacturer and precision engineer, were 64.3 per cent higher at £2.8 million in the year to end-July, on turnover up 24.9 per cent at £30 million.

Sales showed good growth in telecommunications, television, automotive and specialist engineering. Gross profit rose 33 per cent as margins improved. Overheads were contained and interest payable fell because of good cash generation.

Pressac ended the year with cash of £730,000 against a break-even position the previous year. It also spent £2.6 million on capital projects during the year.

Overseas sales rose to £7 million in turnover. The United States showed a particularly strong performance, with good demand for Pressac's printed circuits for car dashboards. The company supplies Ford in the with 50 per cent of its printed circuits, Chrysler with nearly 50 per cent and General Motors with 20 per cent.

The new year has commenced well, the company said, and it has experienced good growth in all areas. The company has just won a new order from British Telecom's network division.

The total dividend was raised to 3.125p from 2.5p.

Caution as trade in tin restarts

By Colin Narbrough

Tin futures, trading for the first time since the collapse of the world tin market two years ago, yesterday got off to an understandably cautious start on the Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange.

Since the failure of the International Tin Council's buffer stock in October 1985, which triggered a global crisis for the metal and left a £900 million trail of bad debts, there has been no organized market offering hedging facilities for tin.

The London Metal Exchange, the world's premier metal market, responded to the ITC collapse by suspending dealing in the metal. But Mr Christopher Green, the LME chairman earlier this month said London would take a fresh look at several contracts, including tin.

The modest 145 tonnes of turnover in tin futures on the KLCE was hailed by dealers as good for the first day, especially given the prevailing state of the markets. November tin closed at 684 cents a kilo.

The tin mining industry in Malaysia, the world's biggest producer, welcomed the dollar-denominated futures contract as a useful instrument for helping plan production.

Microfilm raises dividend by 50%

Microfilm Reprographics is paying a final dividend of 2p, making 3p (2p), for the year to June 30. It is also proposing a one-for-three scrip issue. Pretax profit rose from £1.81 million to £3 million on turnover of £11.47 million (£8.74 million). Earnings per share were 16.2p (9.7p). The board reports that the level of business throughout the group has continued to increase. Sales and profits for the first two months of the current year are running ahead of the comparable period for last year.

Amercour Energy

No interim dividend is being paid for the first half of this year by Amercour Energy. On turnover of £516,000 (£26,000), the company made a pretax profit of £55,000 (loss £73,000). Earnings per share were 0.79p (1.30p loss).

OK Bazaars

OK Bazaars (1929) of South Africa is paying an interim dividend of 24 cents (21 cents) for the half-year to September 30. Pretax profit reached R11.66 million (£3.41 million), against R9.33 million on sales of R1,290.63 million (R1,103.87 million). Earnings per share were 44 cents (35 cents).

£3.3m expansion

The Alumasc Group announces a capital spending programme of £3.3 million during the current year. The money will give a big boost to the group's keg manufacturing facility and allow production of a new range of radiators. Further expenditure will go on land for planned developments and on upgrading equipment. The £3.3 million will come from existing cash resources.

Interim held

City of Oxford Investment Trust is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 0.6p for the six months to June 30. Pretax revenue slipped to £299,458 (£306,199). This year there is an extraordinary debit of £106,375 (nil). Earnings per share, before the extraordinary debit, were 1.07p (1.06p) and after were 0.55p (1.06p).

Unitycorp Trust

A total dividend of 2.75p (2.66p, adjusted) is being paid for the year to September 30 by Unitycorp Trust. Pretax profit fell to £696,000 (£816,000). There is no extraordinary debit this year (£87,000). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, were 3.36p (4.03p, adjusted) and after were 3.36p (3.40p, adjusted).

Ensign Trust

A final dividend of 0.7p is being paid by Ensign Trust on January 22. This makes a total of 1p (0.9p) for the year to September 30. The board also proposes to pay an interim dividend of 0.3p for the current year. Profit, before tax and extraordinary items, reached £4.8 million (£4.2 million). There is no extraordinary debit this time (against £1.38 million). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, were 1.04p (1.07p) and after 1.04p (0.58p).

APPOINTMENTS

New directors at Guinness Mahon

Guinness Mahon: Mr Julian Paul becomes a director of the bank. Ms Lucinda Boulton is named a director, corporate finance, Ms Sally Goodsell an assistant director, Mr Tony Allen an assistant director and Mr Brian Bishop an assistant director, operations division.

Selfridges: Miss Jennifer Edwards becomes merchandise director.

CC&P Communications: Mr Mark Gibson has been appointed managing director.

Western Capital Bank: Dr Michael Flynn becomes a director.

Payne Packaging: Mr Mike Illsley has been appointed managing director.

Dewey Warren & Co: Mr Anthony Newnham becomes a managing director.

Walker Martineau: Mr Roger Duncan and Mr Richard Underwood join the partnership.

Radio Electrical and Television Retailers' Association: Mr Peter Fletcher has been appointed president.

Lewis Woolf Griptight: Mr Mike Jackson joins the board as UK and European sales director.

Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers: Mr John Bradbury becomes a director.

Telford Development Corporation: Mr Frank Jones has been appointed chairman. Mrs Elizabeth Holt becomes deputy chairman.

Jennifer Edwards: Selfridges merchandise director

Rohan Designs: Ms Sheila Stone joins the board.

Abelscot Group: Mr Andrew Irvin has been appointed group finance director.

Technitron: Mr D Leighton Davies becomes a non-executive director.

Tobacco Advisory Council: Mr WC Owen becomes chief executive, from next month.

Control Data (UK): Mr Dennis Mahoney becomes managing director and Mr John Marsh operations director, sales.

Titmuss Sainer & Webb: Professor John Adams becomes director, training and education.

Coopers & Lybrand: Mr David Maxwell has been appointed partner-in-charge, Birmingham.

Celltech: Dr Gwyn Humphreys becomes director, academic liaison.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	289	CU	2,648	Laporte	50	Royal Bank	1,053
Alld-Lyons	9,256	Cons Gold	869	L&G	880	Royal Ins	1,008
Amstrad	2,344	Cookson	213	Lloyds	3,321	Saatchi	2,398
ASDA	2,434	Courtaulds	1,304	Lonrho	4,979	Sainsbury	1,561
AB Foods	256	Dalgety	654	Lucas	883	Scot & N	4,128
Argyll	5,683	Dee	5,532	Magnet	637	Sears	3,936
BAA	6,326	Dixons	3,311	M&S	4,813	Sedgwick	686
BET	506	ECC	188	Mowl Comm	765	Shell	2,249
BTR	2,239	Enterprise	20	MEPC	695	Smith & N	1,935
BAT	3,791	Ferranti	3,376	Metal Box	1,075	STC	9,627
Barclays	2,147	Fisons	3,682	Midland	2,154	Stan Chart	546
Bass	420	Gen Acc	253	NatWest	4,706	Storehse	1,159
Beecham	2,036	GEC	12,632	Next	1,356	Sun Alliance	436
Beazer	592	Glaxo	3,056	Nth Food	438	T & N	247
BICC	632	Globe	1,951	P&O	1,558	Tarmac	1,488
Blue Circle	1,332	Granada	684	Pearl	441	Tate & Lyle	280
BOC	2,206	Grand Met	2,329	Pearson	223	TSB	6,820
Boots	4,131	GUS 'A'	417	Pilkington	4,170	Tesco	5,727
BPB	1,757	GRE	375	Plessey	14,269	Thorn EMI	2,107
Br Aero	5,195	GKN	1,469	Prudential	880	Trafalgar	2,627
Br Airways	5,866	Guinness	5,752	Racal	2,222	THF	5,967
Br Comm	781	Hamm 'A'	51	Rk Hovis	421	Ultramar	715
Br Gas	17,192	Hanson	12,980	Rank	532	Unigate	658
Br Petrol	21,355	Hawker	590	R&C	276	Unilever	2,243
Br Telecm	12,305	Hawley	1,867	Redland	2,004	United Bis	1,135
Britoil	2,681	Hillsdown	3,981	Reed	7,737	Utd News	1,358
Bunzl	3,982	IMI	1,450	Reuters	690	Wellcome	2,181
Burmah	321	ICI	2,882	RMC Gp	358	Whitbrd	3,308
Burton	3,000	Jaguar	2,902	RTZ	1,570	Willis Feb	994
C&W	9,041	Lasmo	1,135	R-Royce	15,884	Woolworth	2,391
Cadbury	5,368	Ladbroke	940	Rothmn 'B'	608		
Coats	2,212	Land Sec	2,033	Rowntree	723		

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 74.1 (day's range 74.0-74.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 27

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6860-1.6960	1.6950-1.6960	0.33-0.31pr	1.30-1.25pr
Montrl	2.2205-2.2382	2.2332-2.2382	0.35-0.25pr	0.60-0.45pr
Amstrdm	3.3647-3.4742	3.3697-3.3742	1⅝-1⅛pr	3⅜-3⅛pr
Brussels	62.33-62.63	62.48-62.63	15-5pr	40-30pr
Copnhgn	11.4718-11.5150	11.4912-11.5150	¼-⅜ds	2⅜-3⅜ds
Dublin	1.1176-1.1211	1.1196-1.1206	16-8pr	26-12pr
Frankft	2.9902-2.9977	2.9934-2.9977	1½-1⅜pr	3⅝-3⅜pr
Lisbon	236.88-238.99	238.01-238.99	35-95ds	210-305ds
Madrid	194.01-195.60	195.32-195.60	45-100ds	135-215ds
Milan	2160.63-2170.03	2165.36-2170.03	2-4ds	12-15ds
Oslo	11.0777-11.1239	11.0922-11.1157	4-4½ds	12¾-13⅜ds
Paris	10.0166-10.0403	10.0259-10.0403	1⅝-1pr	1½-1pr
Stckhlm	10.5801-10.6350	10.6118-10.6350	⅝-⅜pr	½-⅜pr
Tokyo	239.30-240.41	240.01-240.41	1⅞-1pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	21.04-21.17	21.14-21.17	9⅞-8⅝pr	22⅞-20⅞pr
Zurich	2.4662-2.4723	2.4662-2.4702	1⅝-1⅜pr	3⅞-3pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.8709-6.9598
Australia dollar	2.4055-2.4105
Bahrain dinar	0.6335-0.6375
Brazil cruzado*	92.0052-92.5192
Cyprus pound	0.7875-0.7975
Finland marka	7.2475-7.2875
Greece drachma	229.75-231.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.1760-13.1855
India rupee	21.87-22.07
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4725
Malaysia dollar	4.2516-4.2569
Mexico peso	27.10-27.60
New Zealand dollar	2.7305-2.7456
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3075-6.3475
Singapore dollar	3.5057-3.5096
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6800-5.8805
S Africa rand (com)	3.4263-3.4355
U A E dirham	6.1775-6.2175

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5060-1.5090	Denmark	6.8050-6.8100	Italy	1281.2-1282.2
Singapore	2.0775-2.0785	W Germany	1.7725-1.7732	Belgium (Com)	36.98-37.01
Malaysia	2.5195-2.5205	Switzerland	1.4620-1.4630	Hong Kong	7.8080-7.8090
Australia	0.7005-0.7015	Netherlands	1.9945-1.9955	Portugal	140.50-140.90
Canada	1.3165-1.3175	France	5.9380-5.9410	Spain	115.10-115.20
Sweden	6.2825-6.2875	Japan	142.08-142.18	Austria	12.42-12.44
Norway	6.5825-6.5875				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9½ Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9½ Low 6 Week fixed: 9½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 9¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 9⅛
Selling: 2 mth – 8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 9
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅛-9⅟₁₆ 2 mth: 9⅟₃₂-9⅟₃₂ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅝ 2 mth: 9²⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 9¹¹⁄₁₆
6 mth 9⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9½ close 7½
1 week: 9⅝-9⅜ 1 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ 3 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜
6 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ 9 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜ 12 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅜
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 9⅞ 7 day: 9¼ 1 mth: 9¼
3 mth: 9 6 mth: 9 12 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10-9⅞ 2 mth: 10⅛-9⅞ 3 mth: 10³⁄₁₆-9⅞
6 mth: 10⅛-10⅛ 9 mth: 10⁷⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 10⅛-10⅛
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9¼-9⅛ 6 mth: 9⅛-9⅛
12 mth: 9⅛-9⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.20-7.15 3 mth: 7.75-7.70 6 mth: 7.85-7.80
12 mth: 8.15-8.10

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7⅝-6⅝	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7¼-6¾				
Deutschemark:	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹³⁄₁₆-3¹¹⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⅜-4⅜
Call: 4-3				
French Franc:	8⅜	8⅝-8	8⅞-8⅞	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	7⅜-7⅜	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	4¼-4⅛	4⅜-4⅛
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4½-4⅜	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 3⅛-2⅛				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $473.25-474.00 Close: $475.50-476.00
High: $476.00-476.50 Low: $471.75-472.25

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $489.00-494.00 (£288.00-291.00)
Krugerrand*: $474.00-477.00 (£279.00-281.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $489.00-494.00 (£288.00-291.00)
American Eagles: $489.00-494.00 (£288.00-291.00)
New Sovereigns*: $112.00-113.00 (£66.00-66.75)
Old Sovereigns*: $112.00-113.50 (£66.00-67.00)
Platinum: $557.75 (£328.85)
Palladium: $122.50 (£72.55)
Silver: $7.40-7.42 (£4.368-4.380)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 16,878		
Dec 87	90.85	91.00	90.78	90.94	6889
Mar 88	90.90	90.96	90.78	90.88	1785
Jun 88	90.85	90.90	90.74	90.80	325
Sep 88	90.75	90.75	90.75	90.77	10
Dec 88	90.73	90.73	90.73	90.76	1
Mar 89	NT			90.66	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 37,292		
Dec 87	92.28	92.40	92.18	92.33	7460
Mar 88	92.08	92.21	92.00	92.11	1445
Jun 88	91.50	91.65	91.49	91.59	381
Sep 88	91.15	91.21	91.13	91.19	141
Dec 88	90.88	90.88	90.88	90.92	4
Mar 89	NT			90.75	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 15,753		
Dec 87	87-10	87-10	86-17	87-05	13387
Mar 88	NT			86-08	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 29,826		
Dec 87	118-30	119-31	118-11	119-24	38880
Mar 88	119-02	119-02	119-02	119-24	5
Jun 88	NT				
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 9,450		
Dec 87	172.00	175.00	162.00	168.75	3620
Mar 88	NT			172.25	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 612		
Dec 87	102.30	102.40	102.10	102.30	597
Mar 88	NT			101.80	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude markets were stable across the board as liquidity on both the Marc and the Brent market was relatively low. Wet barrels continue to be placed with end-users over a ten day time horizon. Products prices, except gasoline, eased off through the day.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.80	
15 day Nov	18.80	+05
15 day Dec	18.90	
WTI Dec	20.05	+10
WTI Jan	19.85	+05

PRODUCTS Buy/sell/$/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		188-189	
Gasoil EEC		171-173	-1
Non 2H Oct	-1	166-167	-2
Non 1H Nov		167-168	
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	100-102	
Naphta	-1	163-164	-1

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Nov	167.50-67.25
Dec	168.50-68.25
Jan	169.25-69.00
Feb	168.25-68.00
Mar	164.00-62.00
Apr	161.00-55.00
May	161.00-54.00
Jun	160.00-53.00
Jul	160.00-53.00
Vol	2686

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Nov unq.-102.5
Dec —
Vol 0

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Oct 87 Hi 1155-1150 Low Close 1152.0
Jan 88 Hi 1270-1245 Low Close 1250.0
Apr 88 Hi 1291-1270 Low Close 1274.5
Jul 88 1170-1152 Close 1152.5
Vol 198 lots Open Interest 1597
Dry cargo index 1148.0 same as 26/10/87

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	92.00	87.00
Feb	101.50	102.00
Mar	92.80	92.00
Apr	158.00	158.00
		Vol 1633

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 1149-148 Sep 1243-241
Mar 1182-181 Dec 1269-267
May 1205-204 Mar 1291-290
Jul 1225-223 Vol 2852

COFFEE G W Joynson
Nov 1295-294 Jul 1395-394
Jan 1329-328 Sep 1415-413
Mar 1348-345 Nov 1430-410
May 1375-370 Vol 3624

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2867
Dec 162.6-60.2 Mar 168.2-68.0
May 169.6-69.4 Aug 171.8-70.8
Oct 172.6-72.2 Dec 174.8-73.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 200
Nv 107.70 Ja 110.50 Mr 112.50
My 114.75 Jl 117.00 Sp 102.50

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 112
Nv 104.00 Ja 106.50 Mr 108.65
My 110.15 Jl unq. Sp 98.10

SOYABEAN
Dec 134.0-33.0 Aug 128.0-24.5
Feb 135.0-34.0 Oct 128.0-26.5
Apr 134.5-34.0 Dec 129.0-27.0
Jun 128.0-27.0 Vol 211

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1208.0-1210.0	1113.0-1116.0	234175	Easier
Copper Stand	1165.0-1175.0	1100.0-1110.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	353.00-354.00	347.50-348.00	47575	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	458.00-458.50	462.00-463.00	36800	Steadier
Silver Large†	734.00-735.00	748.00-751.00	15	Quiet
Silver Small†	734.00-735.00	748.00-751.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1125.0-1130.0	1043.0-1045.0	205100	Firmer
Aluminium Hi*	1910.0-1930.0	1780.0-1785.0	11000	Quiet
Nickel	3420-3425	3385-3387	6414	Brly/Stdy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	98.50	unq.
Nov	98.50	98.30
Feb	95.00	95.00
Apr	96.50	94.80

Live Cattle Contract

Oct	unq.	—
Nov	—	—
Feb	—	—

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-n/a

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 27

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	73.39	173.02	94.95
GB (+/–)	–0.58	*+6.70	+1.53
Eng/Wal (%)	+4.7	+0.9	–2.5
Eng/Wal (p)	73.07	173.93	93.58
Eng/Wal (+/–)	–0.46	+6.37	+0.97
Scotland (%)	–11.4	+10.5	+8.2
Scotland (p)	75.21	170.22	99.47
Scotland (+/–)	–0.89	+8.09	+3.56

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Television's other face

OPINION

David Graham

Five years ago, with brilliance and elan, Jeremy Isaacs launched Channel 4 and with it a new production sector: the independents. They have produced an enormous range of material, from clever, enjoyable entertainment like *Treasure Hunt* to innovative comedy, from documentaries to tiny five-minute units of television that hadn't existed before. C4 liberated a new kind of political televisionin which opinion was freely explored.

Some programmes went over the top and some innovations were blind alleys; but none the less it has been a heady period. *Film on Four* was a very solid achievement.New sports were brought to the screen. The Government noticed what was happening and is now committed to building a television industry around independent production. *Television, like any other* industry, has a duty to the economy — to be efficient.

Jeremy Isaac's genius lies in his desire to translate currents of conteporary intellectual and artistic life on to the screen. But what happens to the channel now that its presiding genius is leaving? Already, its schedules are looking uncertain. It has a feel of the Seventies. Politically, it still somehow asssumes the view that the left is nice but the right is nasty. Its current affairs content has been sparky in parts, dull in others. Its view of the world is ludicrously limited and tendentious. The Third World consists of Nicaragua, and a banana plantation where people are being exploited.

Most of the Channel British-made comedy series have been ponderous. Contemporary drama policy has been uncertain,one of its most successful series, *The Price,* having been regarded as a bit too popular. Its very funding is old-fashioned, tied as it is to the ITV companies. In short, it needs a new institutional structure and programme policy.

The idea that C4 should be separated from ITV has had wide assent, but then the hard questions begin. Should the Government fund it directly, to preserve its remit of innovation and the serving of minorities? That seems out of the question... and anyway, what are "minorities?" Should it sell its own advertising in a competitive market, regulated by the IBA? No other channel in the history of broadcasting has combined the sale of advertising as its sole source of revenue with small-audience programs.

Perhaps the best solution would be to persuade some private investors with deep pockets that a narrowcastchannel which sells advertising could find a new broadcasting niche and make money. Channel 4 could then be turned into some kind of trast.

The reason for hope is that clustered in the C4 audience are the young people — bright, unsentimental but egalitarian, déclassé — who represent a new socio-economic generation. These people may have voted Labour once but the Labour Party is moving much too slowly for them (indeed, Channel 4 has found it hard to come to terms with the revival of liberal ideas that has spread across the world and which C4 seems to prefer to call "Thatcherism"). Many of this generation are making a lot of money, but their outlook follows no established pattern. Society is watching this space.

Some of C4's faults come from a desire to meet intellectual challenges of the Seventies. They should not detract from C4's great achievement: that unlike the American public broadcasting system, it has not merely accommodated the tastes of middle-aged community leaders.

David Graham is chief executive of the Diverse Group, which has produced such series as Diverse Reports *and* Election Briefs *for Channel 4.*

What price the big sell?

The privatization programme has cost more than £100 million in PR and advertising. Was it money well spent? Andrew Lycett reports

When the Government's offer of shares in British Petroleum closes at 10 o'clock this morning, it will, courtesy of its underwriters, have raised £7.2 billion from the issue — even if not a single share is bought by the public. But the failure to attract those small investors will focus attention as never before on how much it costs to sell privatization.

Generally the Government appoints an advertising agency and a PR firm to handle its flotations. The ambitious corporate communications firm Dewe Rogerson did not endear itself to its rivals by building on success with TSB, British Gas, Britoil and British Telecom to grab both halves of the BP package.

If everything had gone according to plan, the Government would have raised its £7.8 billion from six million shareholders at a cost of around £20 million in advertising — £3:30 per applicant or £390 in revenue for every pound spent. But as Tony Carlisle, deputy chairman of Dewe Rogerson, puts it, last week's share price plunge "totally changed the playing field".

It means that no more than 200,000 new shareholders are likely to apply, fewer than any issue since British Telecom in November 1984. If so, Dewe Rogerson will have spent £100 per applicant, significantly more than has become the norm for government privatization issues.

BEING PART OF IT: THE CAMPAIGNS AND THE COSTS

	Date of issue	Amount	Inquiries pre flotation	Share applications	Ad agency	PR agency	Advertising cost	Cost per applicant
British Telecom	Nov 84	£4bn	1,400,000	2,300,000	Dorlands	Dewe Rogerson	£23m	£10.00
British Aerospace*	May 85	£550m	c.160,000	260,000	Davidson Pearce	Streets Financial	£2.3m	£8.80
Britoil*	Aug 85	£450m	200,000	450,000	Dewe Rogerson	Dewe Rogerson	£3.5m	£7.80
Cable & Wireless☆	Dec 85	£930m	no register	218,000	CDP	none	£3.5m	£16.00
British Gas	Dec 86	£5.4bn	7,500,000	4,400,000	Young & Rubicam	Dewe Rogerson	£26m	£5.90
TSB	Sept 86	£1.3bn	3,300,000	5,000,000	Dewe Rogerson	Dewe Rogerson	£7m	£2.30
British Airways	Feb 87	£900m	600,000	1,100,000	Allan Brady Marsh	VPI & Broad St	£10.3	£9.40
Rolls-Royce	May 87	£1.4bn	800,000	2,000,000	CDP	VPI	£3.5m	£1.75
British Airports Authority	July 87	£1.2bn	1,100,000	2,200,000	J.W. Thompson	VPI, Chs Barker	£4.5m	£2.00
British Petroleum	Oct 87	£7.2bn	6,250,000	?	Dewe Rogerson	Dewe Rogerson	£20m	?

* 2nd tranche ☆ 3rd tranche

Advertising cost per applicant (acpa) is a reliable, if somewhat crude, indicator of effectiveness. Apart from an aberration with the third tranche of Cable and Wireless in December 1985, costs have edged steadily downwards since British Telecom (an acpa of £10). The most successful was in May this year when Collet Dickenson Pearce (as the advertising agency) and Valin Pollen International (VPI) as the public relations firm managed to attract 2 million applications for an outlay of £3.5 million (an acpa of £1.75).

Even if it had attracted six million applicants, BP's acpa would have been significantly higher at £3.30. David McLaren, managing director of Collet Dickenson Pearce (CDP), says he could have done the campaign for a fifth of that price.

He denies this is sour grapes (his company lost to Dewe Rogerson after reaching a shortlist in May). And he believes the £26 million spent on British Gas's flotation was "fantastic", pointing out that a high-spending washing powder such as Ariel spends only £9 million a year on the *media*.

He thinks that good value was provided at Cable and Wireless, where despite the high acpa, the shares enjoyed only a tiny 1 per cent premium in the market on the day of issue. This, McLaren suggests, meant his company had done its homework right, researching how many people would take up the offer and presenting this information to the Treasury to allow it to set the correct price.

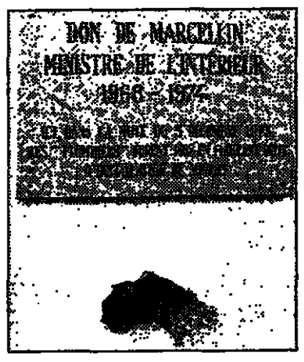
Angus Maitland, director of VPI, also believes it is an important part of the marketing of an issue to get the price right. He refers to a model developed with MORI "predicting propensity to buy". "If twice as much had been spent on advertising BAA," he says, "and the premium had been higher, it would not have been a successful issue."

But Tony Carlisle comes at the problem from a different perspective. His objective is "creating a perception of scarcity" for an issue, and he sees a premium as a practical demonstration of success — defined as "everyone believing that, when an offer is made, there is much more demand than supply".

His thinking was first applied to the BT issue. He needed to do more than just sell the issue — he had to create a new share-owning class, reaching people who had never owned shares before. It was therefore a big-budget operation. By presenting BT as a company worth investing in, and researching the results, he was able to target eight million people who were interested. "We then set about creating a national event, trying to inform rather than doing a hard sell." Dewe Rogerson opened a Share Information Office, generally establishing the guidelines for subsequent issues.

As for BP, he says, "We have done it with a substantially lower budget and over a shorter period than British Gas. I don't think attitudes to BP or to wider share ownership have changed as a result of the crash. Only the numbers who will come into the BP issue have changed."

Another gem of a scoop



Battle honour: the plaque and the hole in the wall left when French "plumbers" tried to bug *Le Canard*

Le Canard enchaîné

How France's *Canard* is keeping in the swim

There is no doubt which room has pride of place at *Le Canard enchainê* . It is the *"salles des micros"*. But when Claude Angeli, joint editor-in-chief of the French satirical weekly, offered to show it to me, I thought at first he was probably referring to some kind of hi-tech news room.

The reality was more interesting. We entered the neatest room in the *Canard's* studiously scruffy offices and I was shown the *"trou"*, the paper's best preserved battle scar — a hole in the wall with a plaque over it, which translates as: "Gift of Marcellin, Minister of the Interior 1968-1974. Here, on the night of December 3, 1973, 'plumbers' were caught red-handed installing microphones ('micros')".

France's mini-Watergate is just one of the dozens of scandals flushed out by the *Canard* during its 72 years of publication. Angeli — tall and angular, — reels off some of the others. The Giscard diamond affair in 1979 is the best known.

The latest scoop was last week when it revealed the alleged involvement of French Minister of Justice Albin Chalandon in the Chaumet jewellery business, which collapsed last June.

Angeli says his stories are not, as is popularly believed, based on leaked documents by a French bureaucracy chronically split along political lines. The journalists find their own stories; but then they have more motivation than most — 45 of them own the paper lock, stock and barrel.

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Midwife with a blue pen

On the eve of the Booker Prize awards, **Pearson Phillips** looks at the curious relationship between authors and their editors

Six people will feel "like midwives at a baby show" while waiting for tomorrow night's Booker prize-winner to be announced. They are not the six short-listed authors, who will be displaying various versions of the literary sang-froid which is customary on these occasions. They are the publishers' editors, a relatively unsung tribe, whose task is to ease the birth of books and deliver them into the outside world.

There is no set formula for the relationship. At one extreme there are the writers who need to have books dragged out of them. Douglas Adams *(Hitch-hikers Guide to the Galaxy)* is currently the most famous example of one of these. His recent editor, Sonny Mehta of Pan, was forced into hiring a hotel suite and standing over him in order to make him finish a book.

At the other extreme there is Iris Murdoch, making her fifth appearance on the shortlist this year, with her 23rd novel, *The Book and the Brotherhood.* She writes them in long-hand in exercise books. The function of her editor (currently Carmen Callil, head of Chatto and Windus) is to arrange for them to be turned into typescript and returned to the author for checking. Not a suggestion may be made, a character queried, a comma altered, or a semi-colon challenged.

In between these extremes are varying degrees of co-operation, criticism and sympathy. Many relationships endure through a whole lifetime of literary labour. The recent takeovers and mass resignations which have swept through book publishing have threatened to rupture many of these long-lasting partnerships. Some authors have followed their editors to other publishers rather than be saddled with a new face across the lunch table or a cold new voice on the telephone.

What is it, then, that an editor can do for an author? This year's crop of Booker midwives provides some remarkable examples.

Certainly the closest relationship in the whole half dozen is that between Penelope Lively (author of *Moon Tiger)* and her editor at André Deutsch, Anthony Thwaite. Unusually for an editor, he is also a writer and poet (though Peter Ackroyd — *Chatterton* — has in Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson at Hamish Hamilton a writer of non-fiction, whose *That Sweet Enemy* about France is currently enjoying considerable success).

The Thwaites and the Livelys are old friends. She left Heinemann to be edited by him. Their working relationship began in the late Seventies when he edited *Encounter* and persuaded her to submit short stories. He is also singular among publishing editors in that he is the past chairman of the Booker judges.

He not only helped with the birth of *Moon Tiger* but was also present at its conception. "It was three years ago," he explains. "I had won £1,000 for the Cholmondeley Poetry Award. I decided to spend it on something extravagant and chose a Nile cruise. My wife and I put the idea to the Livelys and they came along. We actually found the Cairo house where Penelope, the daughter of an Englishman working in a Cairo bank, had been brought up." Egyptian childhood memories feature largely in *Moon Tiger.*

The manuscript was on his desk when he joined Deutsch last year. "I knew at once it was a marvellous book, the strongest she had done." He had three pages of typed comments to send to her, but only one major suggestion. That concerned the way certain chapters were begun. "After thinking about it for a while she agreed with me."

Amanda Conquy, aged 30, handled Nigeria's Chinua Achebe *(Anthills of the Savannah)*, although she has never actually met him. "I much enjoyed dealing with him by the slightly old-fashioned means of correspondence. In some cases it is necessary to suggest quite major structural changes or draw attention to inappropriate characters. But with Achebe there were just some small stylistic queries."

From birth to Booker: Anthony Thwaite with author Penelope Lively (on the left) and Philippa Harrison with Nina Bawden

'It is something I've waited for all my life'

She sees editing as a twofold task. First, getting books. That means keeping up with agents and reading manuscripts. Then befriending the author and representing his views on such questions as cover design and publicity. "I find," she says, "that if I like a book, I invariably like the author."

Philippa Harrison, now managing director and publisher at Macmillan, believes that editors spend too much time and energy on the acquiring function, and not enough on supporting their authors. She had the potentially difficult task of taking over Nina Bawden *(Circles of Deceit)* from her long-time editor George Hardinge, who retired.

"When I had studied the manuscript I went round to see her. I queried one small thing, but it helped to give her confidence in me because it was a small detail which others had missed."

Tom Maschler, head of Jonathan Cape (Brian Moore's *The Colour of Blood)*, says he has lost count of how many times one of his authors has been on a Booker shortlist. As Moore is a California resident, the basic editing of his book was carried out by the American publisher.

Maschler admits to being incapable of reading a manuscript without holding a pencil. "I am always alert for sentences which sound wrong, or for repetitions."

"You develop a technique for making suggestions in a sympathetic way which doesn't make an author clam up. You can put it in the form of a question, a request for help. 'I wonder if you could explain to me just why you made James leave his wife . . . I am not sure I understand his motivation . . .' "

He sometimes has to help people through the various forms of writer's block. "Lack of confidence is the most frequent. They need to know that what they are doing is going to work out well. Sometimes, of course, you have to persuade them to put it aside because it isn't working."

How does the relationship look from the author's side? Most authors claim they are looking for a sympathetic friend who understands what they are trying to do. They do not want to be allotted to an editor for no other reason than there is a job to be done.

Penelope Lively recoils from the heavy-handed, literal-minded power struggle of many American editors. "I once wrote that the hallway of a house was illuminated by a 'dark, sub-aqueous light coming through the fanlight over the front door'. I got a red pencil note on the text: 'Meaning of sub-aqueous is under water. Does author intend?' "

She says that having Thwaite to look after her at André Deutsch "is something I have waited for all my life. I am in safe hands with an exceptional critic and poet, a man whose literary judgement I respect. That doesn't mean that I would always accept his suggestions."

But there is more to it than just having a clever critic. "He knows what I am about. We have always shared an interest in the operation of the memory. He is sufficiently on my side to be able to show me areas of development and direction towards which I ought to go."

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BYLINES

Waiting in the wings?

Is Peat Marwick McLintock trying to do a Saatchi in reverse? The accountant-cum-management consultancy looks almost as keen to break out of its traditional base in financial services as the brothers are to break in.

In recent months the media and entertainment division of Peat's management consultancy arm has adopted an increasingly high profile. David Murrell, the partner in charge, denies any ambition to invest directly in operating companies in the field: "We're not going to take 30 per cent of Virgin or 50 per cent of Rank," he says.

But Peat has been expanding in the wider business services field where Saatchi, too, is now active. Earlier this year it bought the world's largest information technology strategists, and Murrell says it has even crossed his mind that Peat could build on its in-house design and public relations teams.

If Peat did decide to enter Saatchi's strongholds in advertising and PR it would make a formidable competitor, with world-wide turnover of £1.8 billion and 55,000 employees.

Setting the pace

The commodities page of tomorrow's *Financial Times* will be an historic artefact: the last page of any national newspaper to be typeset using the old hot metal process. The *FT* has made the change-over to photo-setting two months ahead of schedule. Other papers like the *Guardian, Mail* and *Express* have photo-setting but still employ compositors to do the work. "The real revolution is not whether type is cold or hot set, but who sets it," David Bell, managing editor of the *FT*, points out

Today's wait

Today's the day *Today* is 30, and celebrations are planned at Radio 4's morning programme. But not today. At the BBC, publicizing an anniversary is much more important than the anniversary itself, so history has been re-written and *Today* will be celebrating its birthday three weeks from now, because that is the first week the programme could secure the front cover of *Radio Times.* Clearly *Today's* attitude to dates and times is as cavalier as that of its first presenter, the much-missed Jack de Manio.

China station

Hurry, hurry! They don't come much cheaper than this. The *Sound of Music* makes its debut on Chinese television next month and advertisers are being offered airtime at a cost per *million* of around 0.00098 pence. The film is the first of 52 from Rupert Murdoch's 20th Century Fox library, which the Chinese are broadcasting over the next year, and half of China's 600 million television viewers are expected to watch. Advertisers can buy 30-second spots for a mere $5,000, but the Fox men suggest you forget the mass audience and treat it as an opportunity to make your company's name familiar to Chinese decision makers.

Briefly . . .

A new media magazine enters an already crowded market sector next month with the launch of *Commercials,* edited by ex-*Creative Review* boss Brian Davies . . . After last week's announcement of staff cuts the BBC has been criticized by its own chief medical officer for putting its staff under unnecessary stress . . . Independent production companies' names are becoming as colourful as those of rock bands: the latest is Glasgow-based Big Star in a Wee Picture, currently working on a "devolutionary entertainment show" for Channel 4 . . . ITV and the Labour Party have a lot in common, according to Greg Dyke, director of programmes for London Weekend: both are old-style working class institutions in need of a facelift . . . Celebrations among *Sunday Telegraph* staff, who have been told their circulation has overtaken *The Observer's* . . . Moscow's Gostelradio wants to co-produce Russia's first television movie with the West: the Soviets are talking to Atlanta cable TV mogul Ted Turner about "an allegory about co-existence in the 21st century".

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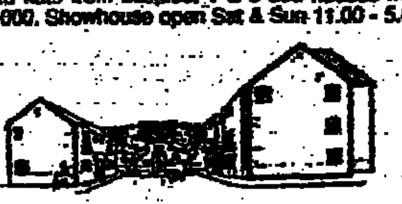

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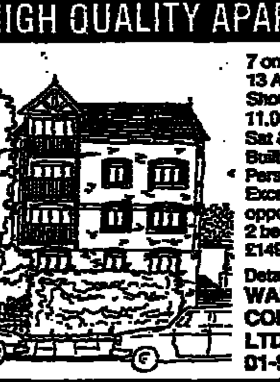

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House market remains steady amid City gales

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

On the day last week when the London stock market suffered its greatest losses, an English businessman paid £2.3 million for a five-bedroom house in Mayfair, and exchanged contracts 72 hours later.

This, according to the selling agents Lassmans, is a pertinent example highlighting the fact that prime London property should remain unaffected by the financial tremors shaking the foundations.

This optimistic view is shared by other estate agents, and while it is tempting to say "they would, wouldn"t they", they will have to live with their advice.

The telephones at Knight Frank & Rutley have not been very busy in the past few days, but the firm has still sold a number of houses. Bill Yates, head of the residential division, admits that there is a coordination between house prices and people's ability to raise funds. "But the balance is achieved over a long period of time. We have long expected a levelling off of prices and I suspect that that is what we will see in the forthcoming months."

The firm takes the view that the underlying strength in the market still exists so long as the economy of the country is moving in the right direction, and there is a tendency for people to regard bricks and mortar as a safe bet. Knight Frank and Rutley say the market will remain strong for good quality period houses so long as the present enormous shortage of supply against demand exists. "The barometer has some considerable way to swing before demand and supply are matched." At the same time they would welcome a steadying of prices in the house market after the last few years, which have seen unpredictable increases.

Outside London, Paul Jackson of Jackson & Jackson, agents largely in Hampshire, also doubts whether the stock market situation will have an immediate effect on house prices."Admittedly, one or two buyers, particularly those acquiring second homes or holiday homes in the New Forest area, may become a little cautious as the funds for purchasing such properties often are realized from stocks and shares." He believes that house prices will continue to rise for some time, but if the uncertainty in the City were to continue, it is likely that house prices would rise at a far slower rate over the next 12 months than in the preceding two years.

Charlotte Farquharson, of the London agents Farrar Stead and Glyn, expects the London property market to remain the safest and securest form of investment, being the cream of prime residential property."We will not be seeing as high capital growth as in the previous five years, but nor should we be seeing a drop in value."

The general feeling is that the rate of increase in house prices will now slow down after a period which has seen average increases of about 15 per cent for the past two years, and about 25 per cent in London and the South-East.

The Big Bang has had a noticeable effect in certain areas of London. The agents Townchoice have charted its impact on the property market in Wimbledon, where in the past 12 months the rental price of a four bedroomed family house in the village has increased from £1,000-£1,200 to £1,300-£1,700 a month.

There are unlikely in the near future to be price increases of the spectacular sort reported by Winkworth, who have more than 40 offices in the London area. The way that people have moved from a congested area to one a little further out, or less fashionable, is illustrated by a family house in Eland Road, Battersea. Winkworth sold the house in 1983 for £47,000, and two years later sold it again for £95,000. In 1986 is was sold by another agent for £120,000 and resold by Winkworth this year for £274,000, after the owner had spent some £40,000 on the property.

If house prices did continue to rise at the present rate, the North/South divide, already wide, could become an "unbridgeable chasm", according to a report by Britain'a largest relocation company, Homequity. It paints a frightening picture, with the differential between prices in different parts of the country likely to quadruple within five years, bringing serious consequences for job mobility.

As an example, projections prepared by the company show that while a typical two bedroom terraced house in Yorkshire, currently valued at £20,000, would be worth £30,772 in 1992, the same house in Greater London would increase in value from its present £85,000 to £259,000.

The projected increase, particularly in Greater London, the South-East and East Anglia, is very high. A three bedroom semi-detached house in Greater London, now worth £100,000, would increase in value to around £300,000 in 1992, while in the South-East the increase would be from £77,000 to £225,000, and in East Anglia from £50,000 to £135,000.

Explaining the figures, Patrick Montgomery, managing director of Homequity,says: "In the past 10 years, house values in the North have gone up by between 200 and 300 per cent. In the South, however, prices have gone up by between 400 and 500 per cent."

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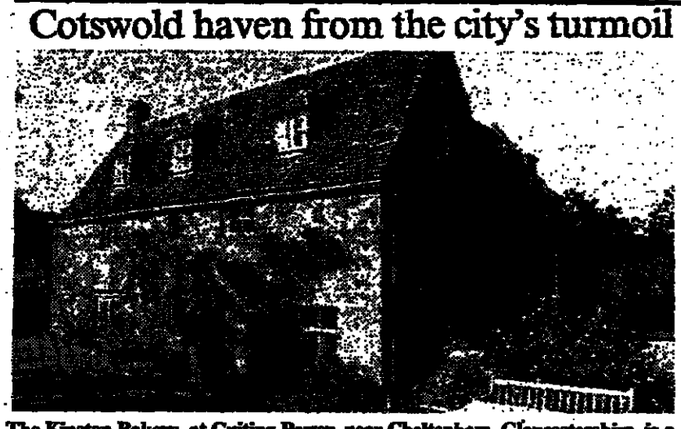
Cotswold haven from the city's turmoil



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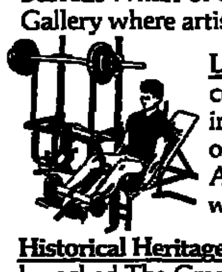

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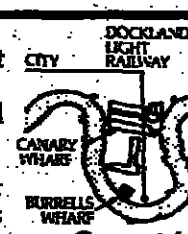

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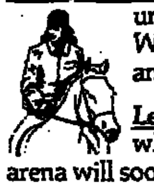

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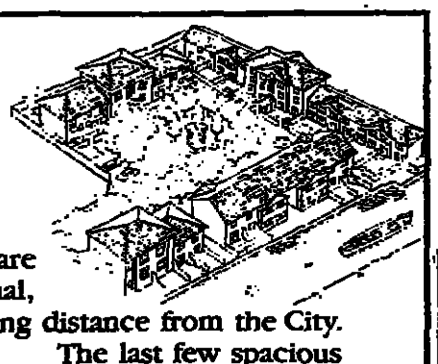

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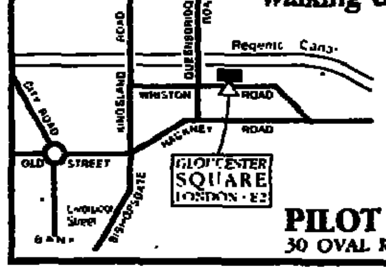

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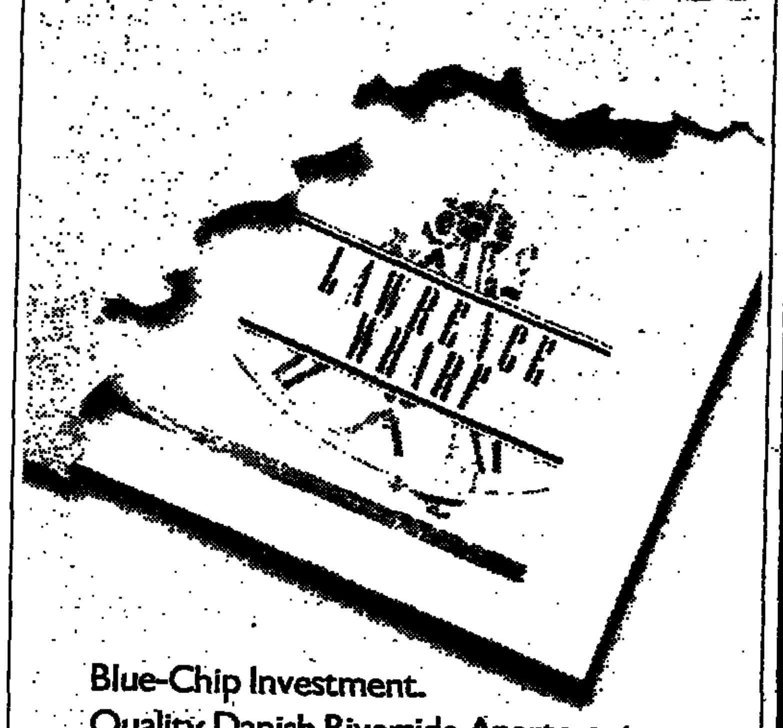

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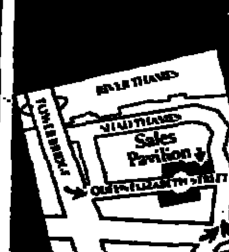

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In the Great Eastern's wake

The newest project to be launched in the London Docklands is the most ambitious scheme by the Kentish Property Group, which is at present building the eye-catching Cascades development. This scheme, which is already sold out, is also on the Isle of Dogs.

It, too, promises to be spectacular, a mixture of old listed buildings and new blocks; 12 buildings in all, and creating 310 apartments, with shops, studios, business accommodation and extensive leisure facilities.

Burrell's Wharf is one of the oldest and most important historical waterfront sites on the Isle of Dogs, which became a shipyard after William Fairburn bought it in 1835. The first iron ship built on the Thames, the 164ft Sirus, was constructed at Burrell's, but it was Brunel's *Great Eastern* which made the wharf famous. Launched in 1858 it was 680 feet long and 58 feet high, dwarfing every boat in sight.

As the centre of shipbuilding moved north, Burrell's Wharf began to produce dyes and paints in 1888, and continued to do so for nearly a century.

The new development, designed by the architects Jestico and Whiles, will provide courtyards and cobbled streets around the buildings. The architect John Whiles explains: "The spirit and industrial feeling of the listed buildings has been united with the continental density of developemnt and the sudden European-style courtyards to form a Quakerish development — rich, but simple."

Of the 12 buildings, six will be purely residential. The first phase will include 147 warehouse-style apartments, with rough brickwork and beams, in two converted listed buildings, the Forge and Foundry, and two new buildings designed to reflect the listed buildings opposite. With one, two or three bedrooms, and most with a balcony or terrace, they are priced at £111,000 upwards.

Also in the first phase are two large nine-storey new buildings on the riverfront, which will provide 140 apartments with a higher specification, direct river views from balconies, and prices of £125,000 upward. Consumer research showed Kentish that people wanted a choice both in the design of the apartment and its fittings, so all the apartments vary in one way or another. The new apartments will have the hi-tech sophistication, while the converted listed buildings retain as much period feel as possible.

From the river the two new blocks will dominate the view. Between them, and further back, is The Plate House, once filled with the noise and heat created during the building of the ships, and which forms the centrepiece of the whole scheme. It will provide a blend of residential and leisure, and in addition, house a gallery where artists, craftsmen and designers will work. The leisure ingredient will include a swimming pool, sauna and gymnasium for the exclusive use of the residents. There will be 20 apartments including one exclusive penthouse

All the apartments will be sold on 125-year leases, with prices from £111,000 for a studio, from £109,000 for one bedroom, from £135,000 for two bedrooms and from £155,000 for three bedrooms. Marketing of the first phase will be selling from plan, with apartments ready for occupation from autumn 1988. A 7.5 per cent deposit is payable on exchange of contracts, and the developers hope to attract buyers who want to live in the apartments, not speculators who intend to sell on or before their completion.

The agents are Alan Selby and Partners, who will be based at Burrell's Wharf expo centre, opening early next month. **For details: 01 538 5421.**

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A 15th-century family seat

■ Sir Peter and Lady Mursell are selling their home, the fine 15th century Dounhurst Farmhouse, at Wisborough Green, West Sussex. The house, which has been in Sir Peter's family since 1930, stands in 31 acres, including woodland and a tennis court. A 10-acre field also comes with the property, with the remainder of the 250 acres — an extensive apple farm — retained by the family.

The timber-framed farmhouse has its original wide oak floorboards, exposed timbers and herringbone brickwork, and at present provides inter-communicating accommodation for two families, which could easily revert to a single unit. It has three reception rooms, a study and seven bedrooms.

There are two barns, one converted into a squash court, grouped beside a duck pond, and King and Chasemore Nationwide's Pulborough office gives a guide price of £600,000.

■ **The School House at Orleton, Stamford Bridge, near Great Whitley, Worcestershire, is a substantial country house in four acres with views over the Teme valley. Dating back to the 17th century, the house has a reception hall, two reception rooms, a conservatory, and four bedrooms. The grounds include a stable block and two barns, and Andrew Grant's Worcester office is asking for offers around £185,000.**

■ Eden Hall at Minster, near Ramsgate, Kent, dates from the early 15th century and is believed to be one of the earliest surviving buildings in Thanet. Standing on the edge of the village of Minster, it is a Grade II listed hall house, and at one time belonged to the monks at Canterbury Cathedral before passing into the hands of a farmer.

The original house is timber framed and was refaced with brown bricks in the Georgian period. It has four reception rooms and five bedrooms with secluded gardens and a small orchard. In the kitchen there is an inglenook fireplace with a bread oven where itinerant hop pickers used to bake their bread and brew beer.

Strutt & Parker's Canterbury office is asking for offers around £215,000.

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BOXING

Vaca's style should present Honeyghan with few problems

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation welterweight champion, should not be unduly troubled to equal Jim Watt's record of four successful world title defences when he meets Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, a replacement for Bobby Joe Young, of United States, at the Grand Hall, Wembley, tonight.

There is some doubt about Honeyghan's hands, which have been giving him trouble after his bout with Hatcher in Marbella in August. There has been talk that they may not have many more fights left in them.

Honeyghan's trainer Bobby Neill, believes that his charge is almost on the point of *realising his full potential* and banishes fears about his hands. While he was training in the Catskills, New York State, earlier this month Neill bought him special protective gloves that Mike Tyson uses and maintains they kept his hands in good shape. They should be good enough, however, to see off Vaca. He has been knocked out inside eight rounds in all his five defeats in 48 contests.

At *first sight* Vaca's *record* looks impressive: 37 of his wins have ended within ten rounds, and one of his victims, Gerardo Derbes, never regained consciousness after his third meeting with the Mexican champion, and died a few days later. This suggests that Vaca wastes little time in going for his man and does not mind trading blows. Which should suit Honeyghan down to the ground, where Vaca should find himself before too *long*.

The Mexican has never boxed before a non-Mexican crowd and has been twice knocked out in two rounds. Those defeats were at the hands of Herman Montez and Juan Elizondo, whom Sibson stopped in one round. Vaca avenged those defeats stopping Elizondo in seven and Montez in three rounds. The defeat by Montez is significant for he was no more than a lightweight.

His last defence of the Mexican title was against Juan Villa, who was knocked out by Britain's Sylvester Mittee in two rounds three years ago. If Villa is still challenging for the Mexican title it does not exactly say very much for Mexican welterweights today.

Still, a Mexican can never be written off. Even if Vaca does not have the boxing and punching class of Pipino Cuevas or Carlos Palomino *most Mexicans are capable of* pulling out a winning punch until they are safely counted out. Also, Vaca could be hoping to put on a really good show for José Suleiman, the Mexican president of the *World Boxing Council*, who is here for their annual convention. In Mexico, Vaca is considered to be the best local champion at all weights — though that, of course, excludes the two Mexican world champions.

While Vaca's best known opponents have been seniors — Cuevas, whom he despatched in two rounds, and Saoul Mamby, the 40-year-old former world light-welterweight champion, *whom he* beat on points — two of Honeyghan's challengerswere also long past their best: Bumphus and Hatcher, two light-welterweights. Besides, Hatcher had just been given a pasting by Frankie Warren, the light-welter.

It took a full welterweight, Maurice Blocker, of the United States, to make Honeyghan work for 12 rounds and many, including Terry Marsh, thought that the British boxer lost that bout. Vaca, though a full welterweight, is not as good a boxer as Blocker, or else Mickey Duff, who is Honeyghan's manager and the smartest matchmaker in the world, would not have brought him over at this crucial big money-making stage of Honeyghan's career.

Honeyghan has his eyes on *multi-million dollar bouts* with Mark Breland, the American Olympic champion, should he win back his World Boxing Association title from Marlon Starling, and Sugar Ray Leonard, should he want to make another comeback.

Tale of the tape

Honeyghan		Vaca
26	Age	27
10st 7lb	Weight	10st 8lb
5ft 8½in	Height	5ft 9in
16in	Neck	15in
68in	Reach	69in
	Chest	
38in	Normal	38in
40in	Expanded	40in
14in	Biceps	13½in
11in	Forearm	12in
6½in	Wrist	6in
10½in	Fist	11in
30in	Waist	30in
18in	Thigh	18in
15in	Calf	14½in

RECORDS

Honeyghan: 31 wins, 0 defeats.
Vaca: 48 wins, 5 defeats, 1 draw.

Priority for Cowdell is to stay in the ring

As the holder of a boxing promotor's licence, Pat Cowdell is delighted to put it into storage for a while yet. The priority, now that the Midlander, aged 34, has regained his British super featherweight title is to carry on boxing.

A second defeat at the hands *of the Manchester*-based Najib Daho, who had knocked Cowdell out in the first round in May last year, would have been *the end of the line for the former* Olympic bronze medal winner and world championship contender. But the ninth round stoppage of the Morrocco-born Daho means that Cowdell, from Warley, is not finished yet. "I'm going to have a rest, then try to defend my title, which would give me a Lonsdale belt outright, and then decide about my future," he said.

The first contest was a controversial affair on Daho's home territory, but at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre late on Monday night, Cowdell had the crowd on his side. He had to withstand another ferocious opening from the champion but then took control, and with Daho, aged 28, bleeding heavily from the nose and taking a lot of punishment, the referee, Sid Nathan, stopped the contest with just over two rounds to go.

The title defence is likely to be against Bradford's John Doherty, but Cowdell is not ruling out a third meeting with *Daho*.

Bitterness and internal rivalry blight Pakistan's defence of world team title

Price of success: Jansher now finds himself caught in the dynastic crossfire

Old blood stirred up as Jansher heralds new order

By Colin McQuillan

There is considerable discontent in the Pakistan squad at present defending the ICI World Team Squash championships which move into the quarter-finals at the Royal Albert Hall today. It is not a mood likely to benefit the opposition. Rather it will promote an internal rivalry *likely to overwhelm* outsiders almost as a by-product.

Jansher Khan, who last week added the senior World Open *title to the* junior world championship he won in Brisbane 18 months ago, has been officially required to adopt premier listing above Jahangir Khan who ruled world squash for nearly six years and is still holding on by his fingernails to top spot on the world *rankings of the* International Squash Players Association (ISPA).

Since Jansher, aged 18, defeated Jahangir, now nearing the venerable age of 24, in each of their last three meetings (3-0 in the Hong Kong semi-finals, 3-2 in the Pakistan final and 3-1 in the Birmingham World Open semi-finals), his elevation to first *string for Pakistan on the current form* ruling of the International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) seems straightforward enough.

Australians mounting strong challenge

Pakistani squash matters are rarely so simple, however. There is the matter of elder respect, upon which much of Islamic life depends.

There is the more pragmatic matter of maintaining a playing order best suited to retain the world team title under *tremendous challenge from the* dynamic young Australian squad. And, perhaps more important still, there is the matter of old blood between the squash dynasties of Peshawar.

Jahangir's pedigree is well-enough documented. He is, in equine parlance, out of Hashim and Azam by way of Roshan, with considerable input from *Nasrullah and Rahmat*.

A composite of everything best in the Pathan warriors who took over the great British game, he was unapproachable until Ross Norman took over his world title in Toulouse last year. Since then he has lost once to Australia's Rodney Martin and three times to Jansher.

In the same 12 months Jansher has blown across the squash landscape, like a fast-rooting vine on the wings of a storm.

His *defeat of Australia's Chris* Dittmar in the World Open final was a glorious finale to a run of successive major tournament wins. "I now No. 1," he insisted immediately.

Jansher is related to Jahangir only tenuously by the thrice-removed marriage links that connect all tribal hill societies in Pakistan.

Claims inspiration from brother

He is the younger brother of Mohibullah Khan, a great player now languishing in British prisons for drug trafficking offences he has constantly denied, from whom the new champion claims an inspiration noticeably similar to that provided for Jahangir at the turn of the 1980s by the death of his elder brother, Torsam, from a heart attack on an Australian squash court.

But between Jansher and Mohibullah is Atlas Khan, a third brother, who is said to have been the man who kept Jahangir out of the Pakistan team in 1979 because, at 15, the boy who went on to win the individual title from the qualifying rounds could not be allowed to displace older and more respected players.

Now it is Jahangir demanding respect and, as he sees it, receiving satisfaction neither from the ISRF nor from Jansher.

"Last time the ISRF changed our order to suit ESPA rankings. This time they have changed it for what they say is current form," Jahangir stormed. "Next time perhaps they should come to Pakistan and choose our team for us."

Jahangir infuriated by racket contact denial

Jansher infuriated him by refusing to acknowledge a racket contact to Jahangir's chin at a vital point in their marvellously competitive World Open semi-final.

"It was a cheap victory. I will reverse things in the British Open next April," he said.

The response from Jansher on court was a cool stare and a spray of perspiration from his fiercely-shaken head. Off the court his cry is equally frustrating to a once-inviolate champion.

"I now No. 1," is the simple irrefutable claim of the new world champion.

Favourable draw for England

The England squad were yesterday celebrating a quarter-final draw for the ICI Perspex World Team Squash Championships which gives them their best possible chance of success but which pleases almost no other group or person connected to the event (Colin McQuillan writes).

England will play a quarter-final at the Royal *Albert Hall this evening against* Canada, who many consider lucky to have qualified ahead of a surprisingly accomplished Finnish team from Pool *B*, and should progress to a semi-final on Friday evening against second-seeded New Zealand who tomorrow play a more problematical quarter-final against Egypt.

"You may not have noticed, but I had my hand in the bag as well," the England coach, Joanah Barrington joked after the draw was made by David Yorke-Long, the championship adjudicator.

There was not much joking from the other half of the draw in which the top seeds, Pakistan, are scheduled to meet Australia in a semi-final on Friday that most would have chosen as a classically balanced final for Saturday afternoon.

"The seedings are based on results *from the last championship two years* back," complained Ross Thorne, Australian player-manager, who also faces the strongest quarter-final challenge *from Sweden on Thursday, while* Pakistan play Singapore at the same stage.

"On current form we could have expected second seeding with Chris Dittmar, Rodney Martin, Chris Robertson and myself all in good form," Thorne said. New Zealand have Ross Norman in doubtful form, Stuart Davenport and relatively weak third string alternatives and Pakistan a remarkably strong squad of Jansher Khan, Jahangir Khan, Umar Hayat Khan and Qamar Zaman.

DRAW: Quarter-finals: Pakistan v Singapore; Australia v Sweden; England v Canada; New Zealand v Egypt.

YACHTING

Rescuers pick up Tabarly

By Barry Pickthall

Three days after the French yachtsman Daniel Gilard was lost from his 75ft catamaran Jet *Services, the La Baule-Daka* multi-hull race came close to claiming two more lives when the trimaran Côte d'Or, sailed *by Eric Tabarly and his brother* Patrick, capsized on Monday.

The accident happened just before dawn as the 75ft multi-hull, which Tabarly was also forced to abandon in the same area during last year's Route du Rhum Transatlantic race, first broached then flipped over while running under spinnaker before 18-20 knot winds.

The two brothers were spotted clinging to the wreckage by Olivier Moussy, now placed third aboard the British-designed 60-foot trimaran, Laiterie Mount St Michael, who alerted the Portuguese Navy with diverted a patrol boat, the *Zambeze*, to pick them up. They were reported by the rescuers to be safe and sound.

Yesterday, Loic and Bruno *Peyron were vying with each* other for the lead, 1,000 miles from the Senegal finish line, some 400 miles ahead of Moussy.

BASKETBALL

Withdrawal may harm Scott's England future

By Nicholas Harling

Kenny Scott, Polycell Kingston's 6ft 9in power forward, may have jeopardised his future international career by crying off from this week's England trip to Greece two hours before the party were due to congregate at Heathrow.

It was just as David Titmuss, the England coach, was preparing *to leave his Hemel Hemp*stead home that he took the call from Scott saying that he could not travel for tomorrow's game against the European champions in Salonika for "personal reasons."

The most exciting young player to be selected by England in recent seasons, Scott, aged 21, had proved himself an invaluable member of the team in his 11 internationals. He had cost a then record British transfer fee of £12,000 when he moved from Birmingham to Kingston before the start of last season.

Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach, says that he had no *inkling* of Scott's *intentions* when his club's squad travelled back from Sunday's Carlsberg League game at Sunderland, but Paul Simpson, Scott's England collegue, who did, warned John Lloyd, the chairman of the international committee, to expect a *withdrawal*.

"I had no sooner rung Titmuss to tell him than he took Scott's call," Lloyd said yesterday. "This is disgraceful. When Dave gets back the international committee will have to discuss what actions will be taken, but at this stage it's difficult to say what the repercussions will be."

Scott's personal reasons are believed to involve the return of his girlfriend, Erin, from America. "Apparently he felt he should be with her for the next couple of days but it is very upsetting to lose a player at such short notice for that sort of reason," Lloyd said. "I can't really believe he has thrown up a chance of facing the European champions at the semi-final stage.

"Kenny is one of those sort of people that occasionally doesn't get his priorities right. He does have difficulty putting things into perspective. It's very disappointing."

The one other England player to drop out, Mike Spaid, of Portsmouth — who had injured *a hand — had warned Titmuss in* enough time for the coach to draft in Trevor Gordon, of Bracknell, for his first cap as *replacement*.

TENNIS: GOVERNING BODY ARE BLAMED AS SPONSORS SHOW THEIR DISSENT

Grunfeld reacts with a win

Amanda Grunfeld, of Manchester, determined to prove herself after being overlooked for a place in the Maureen Connolly Trophy team last month, became the first British player to reach the third round of the LTA women's indoor tournament at Bramhall, with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Catrin Jexell, of Sweden.

The 20-year-old left-hander used her home courts at the Matchpoint Centre to her advantage. "I am playing better now than ever before," she said after the match. "Being left out of the Maureen Connolly Trophy team has acted as a spur for me to do better."

Grunfeld was referring to the British 21-and-under team which scored an historic 6-5 win over the United States last month.

Following a year in which she has played in tournaments in Europe and America to boost her world ranking — presently 319 — Grunfeld now knows how hard she will have to work to win a place in next year's team. "The foreign players aren't really that much better than us," she said. "I now have much more *faith in myself*."

Grand Prix reputation faces up to new breakaway threat

From Richard Evans, Hong Kong

After years of dissatisfaction at the way they have been treated by the game's governing body, the organizers of the Seiko Classic here in Hong Kong are threatening to pull out of the Nabisco Grand Prix and run a special event.

The failure of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council to come up with replacements for three advertized players — Jimmy Connors, Andres Gomez and Aaron Krickstein — only served to convince the tournament director, Ken Catton, that toeing the official line is a waste of time.

"We have been applying for an upgrade to super series status for years and have got nowhere," Catton said after bolstering his draw at the 11th hour with a personal phone call to one of his former champions, Eliot Teltscher. "We have been 100 per cent loyal to the Grand Prix until now but they have not been loyal to us. There is plenty of money in this town, no matter what the stock market is doing, and we are now seriously considering running an event outside the Grand Prix format."

If Catton carries out his threat, the MIPTC administrator, *Marshall Happer, will* be faced with two unpalatable truths. First, the MIPTC have only themselves to blame if *Hong Kong break away* because they have constantly ignored the legitimate requests of an event that has both the stadium facilities and the organization to warrant Super Series status.

Second, there is a trend emerging here that, if it continues, could seriously undermine the Grand Prix's position as the only recognized world circuit. Antwerp, going it alone from the first, has established itself successfully outside the MIPTC jurisdiction and the AT & T Challenge in Atlanta is now regarded as more than just another exhibition.

Add Hong Kong to the $2 million event Ion Tiriac is *planning in Stuttgart next year* — to be run in competition with the Benson and Hedges at Wembley — and seeds for a new maverick tour will have been sewn.

The Grand Prix, which was Jack Kramer's brainchild back in 1970, is the best thing that has happened to a fragmented and crisis-torn sport. But with Ivan Lendl asking for a reduced commitment next year and seeking other diversions, the MIPTC must take heed of the danger

Meanwhile, rain, which halted Jeremy Bates' first round match against Mark Kratzman, failed to arrive in time to rescue Andrew Castle who saved five match points before going down 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 to the big West German teenager, Christian Saceanu.

Mandlikova decision

Prague (AFP) — Hana Mandlikova, who had been expected to seek Australian citizenship, will continue to play tennis for Czechoslovakia, the *Rude Pravo* newspaper reported here

Mandlikova, ranked fifth in *the world, married a Czecho*slovak-born Australian restaurant owner, Jan Sedlak, last year. She said that although she would spend more time in Australia she would continue to defend Czechoslovakia's colours in the Federation Cup and hoped to play in next year's Olympic Games tournament in Seoul.

BOBSLEIGHING

Tout and Phipps miss out

For the first time the British Championships get underway today without their leading lights. Nick Phipps, the reigning champion, who won both the two- and *four-man titles* last year, and Mark Tout, his chief rival, are sitting out this week's domestic competition on the *artificially refrigerated* West German track at Winterberg.

Both have already been selected for the British Olympic team, with the number three places for Calgary going to the winner of tomorrow's two-man race and Sunday's four-man competition.

Phipps, and his brakeman Alan Cearns, start their season in earnest next week at the opening round of the Fosters World Cup Series on the new East German track at Altenburg.

They then return to Winterberg for the second round on November 13 before *departing for a week's official* training on the Olympic track in Calgary.

The remaining World Cup events are at Igls from December 9, Königsee (December 25) and Cervinia (January 14), with the European Championships at Sarajevo from January 23.

Queen's Bench Division — Law Report October 28 1987 — Queen's Bench Division

Burglary victim must replace meter

Regina v Midlands Electricity Board, Ex parte Busby
Regina v Midlands Electricity Board, Ex parte Williamson
Before Mr Justice Schiemann
[Judgment October 26]

It was neither contrary to statute not unreasonable for an electricity board to require a subscriber with a prepayment or token meter to pay for the cost of replacing the meter if it was stolen or damaged, to charge him for any money stolen and to cut off the supply of electricity if he did not pay.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing applications by Les*lie John Busby and Arthur* Williamson for judicial review of decisions of the Midlands Electricity Board.

Mr Ramby de Mello for the applicants; Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Manuel Barca for the board.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that Mr Busby had been a customer of the board since 1983. Initially he had a credit meter but was unable to pay his bills and rather than disconnect his electricity supply, as they were entitled to do, the board were prepaired to continue the supply provided that the ap*plicant had a coin prepayment* meter, calibrated so that a proportion of each coin inserted in the meter went to pay off the debt.

When the applicant moved house the board allowed him to receive electricity on the same terms, although they were entitled to refuse any supply until the old debt had been paid off.

In 1986 the applicant's home was burgled and money from the electricity meter was stolen. There was no reason to believe that the applicant was in any way to blame.

The board informed the applicant that by the terms of the agreement for the supply of electricity on a prepayment meter he was responsible for the money stolen and the cost of repairing the meter. If he was unable to pay immediately he would be supplied electricity only on a token meter. If the applicant refused a token meter he would be disconnected.

The applicant claimed that the terms of the prepayment meter agreement were unenforceable because they were beyond the board's powers under the relevant statutes and were unreasonable on *Wednesbury* principles ([1948] 1 KB 223).

If the applicant were correct the result would be that when in *future the board were faced with* a customer who was unable to meet his bill they would be more inclined to exercise their right to disconnect immediately, rather than grant a further extension of time, as the terms were intended *to ensure that any further loss* fell on the debtor alone.

However, there was nothing in the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957, the Electrical Lighting Acts 1882 and 1909 or the Electric Lighting (Causes) Act 1899 to lead to the conclusion that Parliament had intended to prevent electricity boards entering agreements such as the one relied upon.

It could not be said that the board's action was unreasonable, as it was a commercial *enterprise not a welfare agency*. Whenever a debtor was granted an extension of time to pay or the debt written off the burden fell on other customers. The board had done their best for the applicant in allowing him to have the prepayment meter. It was not unreasonable that people with those meters should be responsible for them.

There was nothing to suggest that the applicant had been treated any differently from other subscribers using prepay*ment meters. All the board had* done was say that if the applicant wanted more time to pay he had to have a token meter and they were entitled to do so without further discussion.

Mr Williamson had also been told *he had to pay for the* replacement of a stolen token meter and had relied on essentially the same arguments. His *application was rejected for the* same reasons.

Solicitors: Rust & Co, Birmingham; Mr Simon J. Foster, Birmingham; *Mr R. H. Browne*, Halesowen.

Counsel's brief duty

Regina v Francis

In considering whether to use their undoubted right to make a second speech and sum up the prosecution evidence to the jury where a defendant who was represented by counsel gave no evidence and called none, prosecuting counsel should always *remind themselves of the* observations of Mr Justice Watkins, as he then was, in *R v Bryant and Oxley* ((1978) 67 Cr App R 157, 163) that it was a right which it should only be rarely necessary to use, save possibly in long and complex cases, and whenever used should bear "the becoming hallmark of brevity".

Mr Justice Ognall, sitting with Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Staughton, so stated on October 26 when the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of Glenn Francis against his conviction on January 20, 1987 at Isleworth Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Lawrence, QC and a jury) of theft, for which he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, suspended for one year.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the right of prosecuting counsel *should only be exercised where* the issues really justified it. In this case although the trial was very short in duration there were features justifying counsel's decision to address the jury a second time.

Law Society exams

The Law Society examination results will be published in *The Times* on October 30. Copies of that issue will be on sale at 200 Gray's Inn Road from 9.30pm on Thursday, October 29.

New maxima for commercial matters

Practice Direction (Limitation of Time for Interlocutory Hearings)

New maximum time estimates *for interlocutory hearings* were announced in a practice direction delivered by Mr Justice Hirst in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on October 23.

HIS LORDSHIP said the *Commercial Court judges had* decided to prescribe stricter control of time limits for a trial period encompassing the legal *year 1987 to 1988. The practice* would be reviewed in the summer of 1988.

The efficient working of the system depended on accurate estimates of the time needed for a summons. Counsel and solicitors had to take special care in that respect. In future any summons which overran its estimate would probably be adjourned.

Subject only to the exception specified below, the Clerk to the Commercial Court would not accept estimates exceeding the following:

1 Summons to set aside service etc — 4 hours
2 Order XIV — 4 hours
3 Set aside judgment in default — 2 hours
4 Set aside or vary injunction — 2 hours
5 Amendment of pleadings — 1 hour
6 Further discovery (including interrogatories) — 1 hour
7 Further and better particulars — ½ hour
8 Security for costs — ½ hour

Those were maxima, not *guidelines. Proper estimates in* each category would often be much shorter, and over-estimating was wasteful of the court's time and also of the opportunity for other litigants getting their summonses heard.

A longer time would only be allocated upon application in writing by counsel to the judge in charge of the Commercial *List*, or such other judge as he might nominate, specifying the extra time required and the reasons why.

In all cases, whatever their duration, written outlines of submissions, which could be in note form, should be *submitted* by both parties in advance. In cases submitted for two hours or more, the additional documents specified in the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* would also be required.

All estimates should be made on the assumption that the judge would have read in advance the affidavits and all written submissions *but not the* exhibits.

This was only a further small step towards reducing the present unacceptable delays in the Commercial Court. It signified a determination for continuing to enhance efficiency, although the scope for improvement, particularly in cutting waiting time for the longer trials, was limited by present resources.

The purpose of recent measures dealing with the requirements for the summons for directions was to focus the attention both of practitioners and of the court at an early stage of the proceedings on steps designed to curtail the duration and expense of the trial especially through mutual exchanges in advance of information between the parties. That also tended to promote settlements.

In future the court would be unwilling to hear summonses for directions *which did not* comply with these requirements, and might also impose costs penalties.

It was not always appreciated that the new regime would require not only the exchange of experts' reports, but also, in the normal run of cases, the exchange of written statements of the oral evidence of intended witnesses of fact, *subject to all* proper objections, such as in fraud cases.

The new Order 38, rule 2A had made it possible for the Commercial Court, together with the Chancery Division and the Official Referees' court, to break new ground in a procedure which should curtail the amount of oral evidence and also reduce the number of witnesses who eventually needed to be called.

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RACING: JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIP COULD BE RESOLVED AT EDINBURGH WHERE AMERICAN RIDER HAS FINE PROSPECTS FOR A TREBLE

Pipicante to lead Cauthen charge

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

With only 10 days of the Flat season remaining, the great private race for the jockeys' championship between Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery could easily be won and lost today at Edinburgh where I expect Cauthen to ride three winners.

The crunch may well come early on, in the Alma Graduation Stakes, in which both have fancied rides.

While Eddery certainly has a good chance on that ultra-consistent filly Pickled, who finished third to Working Model at Newbury last Thursday, I still prefer the lightly raced **Pipicante** who, with only two races behind him, should be the fresher. At this stage of the season that counts for a lot.

Last time out, Pipicante finished third behind the useful Sher Shah at Leicester. That was a big step up on his first race at Haydock. If he can maintain that improvement he should be too good for Pickled.

Later in the day I envisage Cauthen also winning the Cutty Sark Nursery on **Bellefire** and the Ram Losa Handicap on **Rambling River**.

Bellefire (3.45) is another who is fresh. A winner over five furlongs at Beverley in July, she was clearly up against something a bit smart at Newcastle next time out when she took on Au Courant.

Now the word from Malton, where she is trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, is that she is in the right sort of form to pick up the winning thread.

Rambling River (4.15) is something of a standing dish on the Scottish track where he has now won five times.

He has, in fact, won the corresponding race for the past two seasons and I believe he will be very hard to beat again, especially with a low draw.

Visitors to Ascot this afternoon will also see a couple of

Jimmy Fitzgerald, who has Bellefire in peak form

previous winners attempt to win the Bagshot Handicap Chase and the Crockfords Trophy again. They are Acarine and Far Bridge.

My feeling is that **Acarine** (2.0) can repeat his victory of a year ago following that creditable effort against Contradeal at Kempton 10 days ago but that Far Bridge will be hard pressed to beat Chris Popham's progressive young chaser **Panto Prince** (2.35).

When Acarine won his race last year he gave 3lb and a comfortable beating to Castle Warden. Interestingly, the same horse was again well behind him on the same terms at Kempton recently.

Now I can see no reason why Acarine should not beat Castle Warden again and he is my nap.

When Panto Prince beat Clay Hill on his seasonal debut at Kempton he looked as though he would improve the most. That opinion will be put to the test this afternoon when he meets the same rival on 4lb worse terms.

The form of their race was made to look even better at Newbury last Friday when the third horse, Brave Hussar, beat Malya Mal and Voice Of Progress.

Jimmy Fitzgerald has engaged Richard Dunwoody to partner **Yank Brown** in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers qualifier as Mark Dwyer, his stable's first jockey, will be at Newcastle, principally to partner **Tickite Boo** in the BMW Series Qualifier.

But for a bit of bad luck at Cheltenham and Ascot last season, this nice young horse might well have been unbeaten over fences.

He ended last season by winning the Power Gold Cup at Fairyhouse and I believe that he has the class to resume where he left off, on a winning note.

Winning the Ekbalco Hurdle with **Ballydurrow** will give Roger Fisher untold pleasure because he trained that high class but ill-fated hurdler after whom today's race is named.

Finally, not even the great course specialist Peaty Sandy should be up to beating the in-form **Durham Edition** in the John Eustace Smith Trophy.

Blinkered first time

EDINBURGH: 1.45 Bombalong. Trebonkers. 3.45 Rapid Chimes.

Promising Shehiyr steals thunder from Cecil's colt

By Michael Seely

Shehiyr was quoted at 25-1 to give the Aga Khan his third Derby success in eight years after beating Moscow Society in the Whatton Manor Stud Stakes at Nottingham yesterday.

"I've always through he was a nice sort of colt," said Fulke Johnson Houghton, the winning trainer. "But he's a bit backward and I thought that if Henry Cecil's was a good horse, we'd probably finish second."

Moscow Society started favourite at 5-2 on to repeat the previous wins of Alleging, Slip Anchor and Legal Bid in Colwick Park's always informative trial.

But Billy Newnes was always sitting confidently on Shehiyr after taking up the running early in the straight and the pair drew clear to win by three lengths.

Shehiyr is sired by Hotfoot and is out of the Relko mare, Shaih. He is therefore a half-brother to Shaikaya, who was narrowly beaten by Waajib in the Prix de l'Opera on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Day at Longchamp.

"I don't see him as being sharp enough for the 2,000 Guineas," Johnson Houghton continued. "He should be better later in the season and ought to say a mile and a quarter at least."

Despite Moscow Society's tall home reputation, Cecil professed not to be too disappointed at this reverse. "I thought he ran pretty well as the first two finished a long way clear," he said. "He should make a good horse over a mile and a half later this year."

For although yesterday's defeat and that of Salse in last Saturday's William Hill Futurity makes Cecil look more vulnerable for the 1988 classics than a fortnight ago, Warren Place still has three of the top four favourites for the 2,000 Guineas. And Carmelite House and Sanquirico are joint favourites at 16-1 with Emmson and Tratos for the Derby.

Cauthen had a disappointing afternoon with all seven mounts beaten, but Newnes went on to complete a double of nearly 96½-1 when bringing Optimism Flamed home well clear of his rivals to win the concluding Lester Piggott Final Handicap for Linda Ramsden, the Thirsk trainer.

Dragons Wrath, Cecil's only other runner, started favourite at 3-1 for the East Midlands Nursery but finished unplaced behind Picovus, whom Richard Fox rode to a decisive win for Lord John Fitzgerald. "I'm only 152 behind Steve Cauthen," said the red-headed jockey cheerfully as he brought the blinkered filly into the unsaddling enclosure.

Eddery just one behind after Amber Loch win

A last-race victory on 6-1 chance Amber Loch at Redcar yesterday brought Pat Eddery's tally for the season to 187 — just one behind Steve Cauthen in their thrilling battle for the jockeys' title.

But the meeting was fortunate to take place after surviving two stewards' inspections. Despite the all-clear, there was mixed reaction from the jockeys.

Eddery, who at the last meeting led a special deputation of jockeys to the stewards, described the ground then as dangerous and the meeting was abandoned after the first race.

He was less annoyed this time, describing the ground as very heavy when he dismounted from Cadeaux Genereux after the Eaglescliffe Maiden Stakes.

But Gary Carter, who partnered OK Sandra, said: "I daren't let the filly go. If I'd pushed her out, she would have fallen over."

Ray Cochrane rode the Luca Cumani-trained Red Ballad, a 5-1 chance, to a gutsy two lengths victory from the 2-1 favourite Masnun.

John Cleverly, the clerk of the course, said: "We had a precautionary inspection at 10am when the stewards gave the all-clear. This was followed by a further inspection at 11.45 and the stewards once again found the track raceable."

Barry Hills and his son Michael landed a double with Blanton Reserve, who won by a short head from Qannaas, partnered by Michael's twin brother, Richard, in the Links Maiden Stakes and African Queen in the Ganton Stakes.

Blanton Reserve, bred in the United States, was ending a run of four seconds.

TITLE RACE

STEVE CAUTHEN 188
Winners yesterday: none.
Rides today: four — Pipicante (1.45 Edinburgh), Senator Snugfit (2.15), Bellefire (3.45), Rambling River (4.15).

PAT EDDERY 187
Winners yesterday: one, Amber Loch (6-1).
Rides today: five — Pickled (1.45 Edinburgh), Mem Vonne Lady (2.15), U-Bix Copy (2.45), Spanish Infanta (3.15), Pampered Dream (3.45).

(10 Flat racing days remaining)

Leonard reigns

Eddie Leonard (Ireland), Kevin Prendergast's apprentice, landed the 1987 Long John Apprentice Championship after riding a winner and third in Milan yesterday. Gary Bardwell finished fourth.

Hindley quits

Newmarket trainer Jeremy Hindley, who has held a licence for the past 17 years, is to give up training at the end of the season.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Flair Park.
2.00 ACARINE (nap).
2.35 Panto Prince.
3.10 Eastshaw.
3.40 Yank Brown.
4.10 First Romance.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.10 MR GREGORY (nap).

Going: good

1.30 BINFIELD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,376: 2m) (18 runners)

101 0231 COMBERMERE 11 (D,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 11-3 ..... J Frost —
102 2210 FOREIGN KNIGHT 21 (D,F) (A Wakelam) R Jukes 11-3 ..... T Wall —
103 P ALEXA'S BOY 7 (T Hallett) T Hallett 11-0 ..... D Morris (4) —
104 ARDASHIR (J Ross) G Moore 11-0 ..... R Rowe —
105 ARROWKNIGHT (Arrowknight Ltd) C Horgan 11-0 ..... E Murphy —
106 P BALLY FRENCHMAN 11 (B) (Mrs C Fortescue) A Davison 11-0 ..... — —
107 CARPET CAPERS (D Caplin) J Fitch-Heyes 11-0 ..... Penny Fitch-Heyes (4) —
108 CIREN JESTER (Mrs S Fellowes) W Musson 11-0 ..... C Smith —
109 0 COURT COMMAND 11 (W Mann) G Gracey 11-0 ..... J Duggan —
110 FAITHFUL CHARLIE (S Gallegher) R Holder 11-0 ..... J Duggan —
112 0 JACK LAPPER 5 (A Walton) R Hoad 11-0 ..... M Hoad (7) —
113 MY BOY STAN (S Squires) K Ivory 11-0 ..... B Powell —
114 PALACE SONG (A Anastasiou) C Charlet 11-0 ..... R Campbell —
115 PRISCILLIAN (H Mould) D Nicholson 11-0 ..... R Dunwoody —
116 P WINGSPAN 27 (M Hackett) R O'Sullivan 11-0 ..... M Kinane —
118 1 FLAIR PARK 37 (D,F) (J Livock) D Thom 10-9 ..... M Brennan —
119 0 BAGS 11 (Mrs E Holmes) D Elsworth 10-9 ..... R Arnott —
121 400 LIAZAH 14 (P Smith) R Curtis 10-9 ..... R Goldstein —

BETTING: 9-4 Combermere, 11-4 Flair Park, 5-1 Foreign Knight, 7-1 Bags, 10-1 Ciren Jester, 12-1 Ardashir, 14-1 Carpet Capers, 16-1 Wingspan, 20-1 Priscillian, 25-1 others.

1986: BRENT RIVERSIDE 10-10 Richard Guest (100-30) G Balding 10 ran

FORM FLAIR PARK (10-5) made winning a debut when beating COMBERMERE (10-10) 6l at Plumpton (2m, £1909, good, Sept 21, 11 ran) with LIAZAH (10-5) another 7l away in 4th.

COMBERMERE (10-9) on latest start driven out to beat Wink Gulliver (10-9) 2l at Kempton (2m, £2208, good to soft, Oct 17, 19 ran) with BAGS (10-4) in 12th place, COURT COMMAND (10-9) in 14th and BALLY FRENCHMAN (10-9) pulled up.

Previously COMBERMERE (10-10) finished a one paced 17l 3rd to Rivers Secret (10-12) at Cheltenham (2m, £2134, good to firm, Oct 7, 18 ran) with FOREIGN KNIGHT (10-13) 5½l in 5th.

Selection: FLAIR PARK

2.0 BAGSHOT HANDICAP CHASE (£6,932: 3m) (6 runners)

201 434442- WEST TIP 189 (D,G,S) (P Luff) M Oliver 10-12-0 ..... R Dunwoody 98
202 02P33-3 BROADHEATH 25 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 10-11-6 ..... P Nicholls 83
203 0B4/11-2 ACARINE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 11-11-1 ..... R Stronge ● 99
204 01204-3 CASTLE WARDEN 11 (CD,F,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 10-10-12 ..... T Morgan 97
206 13/344- SUN RISING 193 (G) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-10-0 ..... K Mooney 89
208 34342-0 MASTER TERCEL 23 (D,F,G,S) (J Livock) D Thom 11-10-0 ..... M Brennan 67

BETTING: 2-1 Acarine, 4-1 West Tip, Castle Warden, 5-1 Broadheath, 6-1 Sun Rising, 14-1 Master Tercel.

1986: ACARINE 10-11-1 R Stronge (11-4) P Harris 4 ran

FORM WEST TIP (12-0) best effort last season when staying on 4l 4th to The Thinker (12-0) in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (3m 2f, £55500, good to soft, Mar 19, 12 ran).

BROADHEATH (12-0) 25l 3rd to Midnight Madness (10-10) at Chepstow (3m, good to firm) on reappearance; better judged on a (10-6) 12l 3rd to Lean Ar Aghaidh (10-0) at Sandown (3m 5f 18yd, £32250, firm, Apr 25, 9 ran).

ACARINE (11-9) far from disgraced on seasonal debut when ¾l 2nd to Contradeal (11-10) with CASTLE WARDEN (11-6) 20l away in 3rd.

ACARINE (11-1) won this race last year, beating CASTLE WARDEN (10-12) 8l (3m, firm) and can confirm the placings.

SUN RISING (11-6) best judged on a ½l 2nd to Numerate (10-6) at Windsor (2m 5f, £1763, good to soft, Feb 4, 8 ran).

MASTER TERCEL (11-0) in need of outing when 31l last of 5 to River Warrior (10-8) at Southwell (3m 110yd, £1966, good, Oct 5, 5 ran).

Selection: ACARINE

2.35 CROCKFORDS TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£10,692: 2m) (7 runners) BBC 2

301 FF0-141 LITTLE BAY 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 12-12-0 (4ex) ..... P Tuck ● 99
302 0041P-4 FAR BRIDGE 22 (CD,F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 11-11-6 ..... P Scudamore 98
303 11111-1 PANTO PRINCE 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 6-11-8 (4ex) ..... B Powell 94
304 3U11-42 CLAY HILL 11 (D,F,S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 8-10-12 ..... R Rowe 96
305 F143P-1 TARN 20 (D,F,G,S) (S Harrap) N Gaselee 9-10-7 (4ex) ..... A Adams (7) 91
306 02133-4 LONG ENGAGEMENT 19 (G) D (B Gregory) D Nicholson 8-10-7 ..... R Dunwoody 96
307 22-F333 PETER ANTHONY 4 (F,G,S) D (R Hickman) R Hickman 9-10-7 ..... J Bryan 76

BETTING: 5-2 Panto Prince, 7-2 Little Bay, 4-1 Far Bridge, 11-2 Tarn, 7-1 Long Engagement, 8-1 Clay Hill, 20-1 Peter Anthony.

1986: FAR BRIDGE 10-10-7 S Smith Eccles (13-2) G Balding 7 ran

FORM LITTLE BAY (12-7) not at best when beating Wally Wombat (10-4) a short head at Bangor (2m, soft) last time; better judged on seasonal debut when (12-7) staying on to beat Veiled City (10-0) 3l at Perth (2m, £1542, good to soft, Sept 24, 8 ran).

FAR BRIDGE will strip fitter for (12-7) a 42l 4th to Lector (10-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £1910, good, Oct 8, 7 ran).

PANTO PRINCE (11-9) kept his unbeaten record over fences when staying on to beat CLAY HILL (11-5) 1½l at Kempton (2m, £3080, good to soft, Oct 17, 4 ran).

CLAY HILL (11-5) best effort last term when beating Sharp Song (10-4) ¾l at Market Rasen (2m, £2148, good to firm, May 9, 8 ran).

TARN (10-11) came with a nicely timed run to beat Music Be Magic (11-7) ½l at Cheltenham (2m, £3817, good, Oct 8, 8 ran) with PETER ANTHONY (10-0) another 3l away 3rd.

LONG ENGAGEMENT (12-1) far from disgraced on reappearance when 4½l 4th to The Welder (11-13) at Worcester (2m, £1848, good, Oct 9, 13 ran).

Selection: CLAY HILL

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
N Gaselee	7	32	21.9
D Elsworth	13	65	20.0
F Walwyn	10	58	17.2
S Mellor	5	30	16.7
G Balding	6	53	11.3
J Gifford	12	142	8.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
K Mooney	6	29	20.7
P Scudamore	25	141	17.7
B Powell	5	38	13.2
R Rowe	11	111	9.9
H Davies	6	62	9.7

Only Qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 EBF NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,903: 2m) (17 runners) BBC 2

401* 00/0- AGFA SPECIAL 305 (Agfa-Gevaert Ltd) S Christian 6-11-0 ..... R J Beggan —
402 234- ALASKA RUN 208 (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody —
403 0/0 BREEZE AWAY BEN 14 (Miss K George) C Holmes 5-11-0 ..... A Webb —
404 23- EASTSHAW 254 (S Sainsbury) T Foster 5-11-0 ..... H Davies 93
405 0- FAIR DANIEL 327 (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ..... M Pitman —
406 0/0- FRESH 'N' LO LAD 340 (P De Wade) A Turnell 5-11-0 ..... Steve Knight —
407 22- GLASS MOUNTAIN 340 (B Whitehorn) T Bill 5-11-0 ..... N Fearn (4) —
408 0/4- KAMRISE 372 (Lady Harris) G Balding 5-11-0 ..... R Guest (4) 85
409 00- RING OF SECRETS 280 (M Evans) R Blakeney 5-11-0 ..... Judy Blakeney 85
410 0223-3 THE BAKEWELL BOY 15 (BF) (N Lake) R Frost 5-11-0 ..... J Frost ● 99
411 BROOKMERE (A Moore) A Moore 4-10-13 ..... G Moore —
412 0-3 GOLD SHAFT 14 (BF) (Mrs A Sturt) J Gifford 4-10-13 ..... R Rowe 90
415 -0 TICKERSCOTE 20 (A Alright) C Holmes 4-10-13 ..... K Burke (4) —
417 -0 BUBBLING SPRINGS 20 (T M Jones) T M Jones 5-10-9 ..... G McCourt —
418 04000- CAOMHE 226 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-9 ..... B Powell 87
419 F0- CASERTA 265 (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 5-10-9 ..... K Mooney 88
420 0-0 ELMLEY GAYLE 32 (J Eason) J Eaton 4-10-8 ..... D Browne —

BETTING: 4-1 Gold Shaft, 9-2 Eastshaw, 6-1 The Bakewell Boy, 8-1 Kamrise, 9-1 Caserta, 10-1 Fair Daniel, 12-1 Alaska Run, 14-1 Agfa Special, 16-1 Fresh 'N' Lo Lad, Glass Mountain, Caomhe, 20-1 others.

1986: Teletrader 5-11-0 B Powell (2-1) R Hodges 12 ran

FORM ALASKA RUN (11-6) ended last season with a creditable 8½l 4th to Rustle (11-10) in a NH Flat event at Liverpool (2m, £4327, good, Apr 3, 17 ran).

EASTSHAW (11-1) one paced from the last when 4l 3rd to Canford Palm (11-1) at Nottingham (2m, £1331, good to soft, Feb 16, 23 ran).

GLASS MOUNTAIN (11-5) not seen out since finishing 7l 2nd to Rubadark (11-0) at Ayr (2m, NH Flat, £722, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran) with FRESH'N'LO LAD (11-5) back in 8th.

RING OF SECRETS (11-0) best judged on a 13½l 6th to True Spartan (11-0) at Warwick (2m, £980, good to soft, Dec 27, 18 ran).

THE BAKEWELL BOY (10-13) finished a very creditable 5l 2nd to Teletrader (11-0) in this race last year (2m, firm): will step fitter for (11-0) 15l 3rd to Privateperformance (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £1110, soft, Oct 13, 13 ran) on reappearance.

GOLD SHAFT (11-4) 3rd no extra close home beaten 7l by La Shaka (10-9) at Plumpton (2m, £1102, soft, Oct 14, 18 ran).

CASERTA (10-9) no extra from two out when 11½l 5th to Snowy Pearl (11-0) at Towcester (2m, £844, good to soft, Feb 5, 18 ran).

Selection: THE BAKEWELL BOY

3.40 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,887: 2m) (5 runners) BBC 2

501 2160-12 YANK BROWN 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Longstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-8 ..... R Dunwoody ● 99
503 23PP-43 CANTORIAL 11 (E Tucker) C Popham 6-11-4 ..... B Powell —
504 P02200- PRIVATE VIEWS 188 (F,G) (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 6-11-4 ..... P Scudamore —
505 02010-2 SIGNALMAN 32 (G,S) (Mrs A Chapman) O Sherwood 6-11-4 ..... S Sherwood 80
507 20300-3 GOODMAN POINT 14 (BF,G) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 5-11-3 ..... R Rowe 82

BETTING: 11-8 Yank Brown, 11-4 Signalman, 100-30 Goodman Point, 5-1 Private Views, 20-1 Cantorial.

1986: OLYMPIC PRIZE 7-11-4 Peter Hobbs (5-1) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM YANK BROWN (11-10) far from disgraced when 4l 2nd to Yeoman Broker (11-1) in competitive event at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £3980, good, Oct 14, 12 ran).

Previously (10-12) quickened in good style to beat SIGNALMAN (10-12) 2l at Stratford (2m, £1696, good to firm, Sept 26, 10 ran).

CANTORIAL (11-4) never in with a real chance when 40l 3rd to Abu Kadra (11-4) at Kempton (2m, £2283, good to soft, Oct 17, 10 ran).

PRIVATE VIEWS (11-0) best effort over hurdles last term was a neck 2nd to Seagram (11-7) at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, £3046, good, Mar 13, 13 ran).

GOODMAN POINT (11-3) will need to improve on an 8l 3rd to Winter Measure (11-5) at Plumpton (2m, £1143, soft, Oct 14, 10 ran).

Selection: YANK BROWN

4.10 VALLEY GARDENS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,036: 2m 4f) (21 runners)

602 P/414-11 STAGHOUND 11 (F,S) (Mrs C Meadows) J Gifford 5-12-4 (8ex) ..... T Pinfield (7) 84
603 00301/ ALDO KING 585 (G) (Mrs V Langford) A Turnell 6-11-9 ..... N Rayner (7) —
604 1143- PROBLEM CHILD 333 (G) (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 4-11-9 ..... H Jenkins 96
607 0/04211- MOUNTAIN CRASH 160 (F,G,S) (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-4 ..... C Llewellyn (7) 90
608 1413- BARA PEG 257 (S) (D Smith) R Blakeney 6-11-2 ..... Judy Blakeney (7) 88
609 300403- COURAGEOUS CHARGER 165 (F) (R Hamilton) G Enright 5-11-2 ..... S Woods (7) 91
610 011-430 RHODE ISLAND RED 7 (F,S) (J Bruton) A Moore 4-10-12 ..... J Clarke (7) 98
611 120P3/4 KELLY'S BOY 29 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Peel) N Gaselee 7-10-11 ..... A Adams (7) 97
612 33401P- FIRST ROMANCE 177 (G) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 5-10-11 ..... A Mulholland (7) 88
613 010031/ BASKET WEAVE 589 (D,G) (J Sayers) G Balding 6-10-10 ..... S Hodgson (7) —
614 P-2P14F IDLE MATINEE 8 (F) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 6-10-9 ..... D Morris 93
615 000/12-0 PALACE YARD 32 (F) (J Coward) J Jenkins 5-10-7 ..... S Bridle (7) 97
616 0F01-00 HIGH HAM BLUES 4 (S) (D Crates) J Fox 5-10-7 ..... NON—RUNNER —
617 31300/2 MR GREGORY 11 (S) (A Leiper) G Balding 6-10-7 ..... A Charlton (7) ● 99
618 0-00300 SLIP UP 20 (CD,F) (F Gray) F Gray 7-10-6 ..... P Cooney (7) 90
619 43/432- SHIPWRIGHT 216 (S) (B Barnsey) H O'Neill 6-10-6 ..... T Leach (7) 96
620 2/0UP0-F CUT'N DRY 11 (F,S) (Orthopaedic Bedding Service) P Bowden 7-10-5 ..... G Morgan (7) —
621 30020-0 NOBLE VIKING 11 (F) (S Shelmes) S Mellor 4-10-3 ..... J Osborne (5) 88
624 13/ BOGAZKOY 802 (F) (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 5-10-0 ..... S Cowley (7) —
626 002231-4 RUSTY RUPERT 55 (F) (K Noquet) H O'Neill 6-10-0 ..... S Scott (7) 78
628 00043-P PRINCE KLENK 49 (F) (J Stone) A Davison 6-10-0 ..... — 90

BETTING: 5-1 Problem Child, 6-1 Mountain Crash, 7-1 Mr Gregory, Staghound, 8-1 Idle Matinee, 10-1 Shipwright, Bara Peg, Rhode Island Red, Noble Viking, First Romance, 12-1 others.

1986: SLIP UP 6-10-3 P Cooney (5-2 fav) F Gray 10 ran

FORM STAGHOUND followed up victory at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm) with a game (10-9) 2l victory over MR GREGORY (10-1) at Kempton (2m 4f, £3123, good to soft, Oct 17, 19 ran) with NOBLE VIKING (10-0) another 12½l behind in 6th and CUT'N DRY (10-0) slipping up after the second flight.

PROBLEM CHILD (11-5) best judged on easy 10l defeat of Ricmar (11-0) at Newbury (2m 100yc, £1417, good, Nov 5, 15 ran).

MOUNTAIN CRASH (12-3) ended last season with a 1½l beating of Eternal Credit (11-10) at Perth (3m, Am, £850, good to firm, May 21, 11 ran).

COURAGEOUS CHARGER (10-0) showed much improved form on final start of last season, finishing 3l 3rd to Andrea Dawn (10-9) at Warwick (2m 5f, £2184, good to firm, May 16, 16 ran).

IDLE MATINEE (10-12) best judged on a 1½l beating of Breakfast Car (10-12) in a novice event at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to firm, Sept 9, 15 ran), a race in which PRINCE KLENK (10-12) was pulled up.

SHIPWRIGHT loves soft ground and had a when (10-0) 8l 2nd to Tour de Force (10-2) at Towcester (2m, £2282, soft, Mar 28, 12 ran).

Selection: MR GREGORY

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Durham Edition. 1.45 Super Bar. 2.15 Tickite Boo. 2.50 Doronicium. 3.20 Ballydurrow. 3.50 Quick Dancer.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Tickite Boo. 3.20 Ballydurrow.

Going: good

1.15 JOHN EUSTACE SMITH TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,222: 3m) (10 runners)

2 140- PEATY SANDY 225 (CD,G,S) Miss H Hamilton 13-12-7 Mr A Dudgeon
3 2-41 DURHAM EDITION 25 (CD,F,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-13 R Lamb
4 114- HARDY LAD 200 (CD,G,S) B Wilkinson 10-11-10 M Hammond
5 P2-F JIMBROOK 14 (B,C,D,G,S) M H Easterby 10-11-9 L Wyer
6 F20- BUCKO 191 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-8 ..... M Dwyer
7 04F- STRANDS OF GOLD 208 (CD,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-6 J J Quinn
9 1122 DUNCOMBE PRINCE 14 (D,F,G,S) J Jefferson 8-10-7 N Doughty
11 2P-U TULLAMARINE 14 (S) G Richards 10-10-0 ..... J Hansen
12 /P-3 BIRTLEY BOY 19 (G) J Charlton 11-10-0 ..... B Storey
13 U-03 LILLIES BRIG 21 (D,S) C Alexander 8-10-0 ..... P Niven

5-2 Durham Edition, 7-2 Duncombe Prince, 5-1 Hardy Lad, 7-1 Bucko, 8-1 Peaty Sandy, 12-1 Strands Of Gold, 14-1 others.

1.45 SIMONBURN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,109: 2m 60yd) (22)

1 -F11 SUPER BAR 19 (G,S) J J O'Neill 5-11-8 ..... G Lyons (7)
2 P- BEER KEG 452 R Tate 5-11-2 ..... G Harker
3 -P02 DALTON DANDY 29 V Hall 5-11-2 ..... A Orkney
4 000/ IRISH GUEST 894 P Monteith 6-11-2 ..... D Nolan
6 0400 MR PANACHE 11 J Hubbuck 5-11-2 ..... J Mathias
7 0-03 POTATO PICKER 19 J Jefferson 6-11-2 ..... N Doughty
8 00-0 PRETTY AMAZING 19 D Moffatt 6-11-2 ..... K Teelan
10 30P- SUSSEX OVERSEAS 152 J J O'Neill 5-11-2 ..... M Dwyer
11 0P/0 SWIFT RIVER 11 Mrs G Reveley 5-11-2 ..... P Niven
12 0-P0 TOSHEN BOY 19 D Lamb 7-11-2 ..... K Jones
13 304- CASUAL PASS 196 (B) G Richards 4-11-0 ..... J Hansen
15 -230 FOREVER BLUE 14 W A Stephenson 4-11-0 ..... R Lamb
16 GARRELGUM N Crump 4-11-0 ..... C Hawkins
17 0-00 IRISH DILEMMA 19 T Kersey 4-11-0 ..... Susan Kersey (7)
18 0U MOLOCH 29 Mrs S Austin 4-11-0 ..... D Wilkinson
19 P ROWAN LEAF 11 R McDonald 4-11-0 ..... T Reed
20 TAYLORMADE BOY Denys Smith 4-11-0 ..... C Grant
21 TEREBINTH J Charlton 4-11-0 ..... P Dennis
22 0/0- PONGEE'S GIRL 186 C Parker 5-10-11 ..... K Doolan
23 F- LADY MANELLO 193 Mrs A Hamilton 4-10-9 ..... B Storey
24 P-PP SPRING GARDEN 11 N Chamberlain 4-10-9 ..... —
26 0-00 WHERES ARMSTRONG 11 R Gray 4-10-9 P A Farrell (4)

11-8 Super Bear, 5-1 Potato Picker, 6-1 Casual Pass, 8-1 Dalton Dandy, 9-1 Taylormade Boy, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Miss H Hamilton, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53.8%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 16 from 60, 26.7%; M H Easterby, 15 from 76, 19.7%; N Crump, 10 from 68, 14.7%; Denys Smith, 13 from 101, 12.9%; R Fisher, 8 from 63, 12.7%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Dudgeon, 5 winners from 7 rides, 71.4%; K Teelan, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Dwyer, 12 from 67, 17.9%; R Lamb, 22 from 148, 14.9%, C Hawkins, 16 from 110, 14.5%; C Grant, 12 from 153, 7.8%.

2.15 BMW SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,244: 3m) (9)

2 FB1- TICKITE BOO 203 (F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-12-0 M Dwyer
3 1114 GIOLLA PADRAIG 20 (BF,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-10 R Lamb
5 -240 BLUE RAVINE 8 W Reed 8-11-6 ..... T Reed
6 1P- BRANDY HAMBRO 200 (S) C Parker 6-11-6 ..... K Doolan
7 2-13 CAMROC 18 (F) W A Stephenson 7-11-6 ..... A Merrigan
8 2U-2 CLONROCHE GAZETTE 25 Miss M Bell 7-11-6 C Grant
10 0 MANDORLEAN 12 Mrs J Beatby 7-11-6 ..... Mr C Beatby
12 003- SAMFEN 228 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-3 ..... L Wyer
13 31-3 NIJANNA 21 (D,G) T Dalgetty 6-11-1 ..... Mr K Anderson

6-4 Tickite Boo, 11-4 Giolla Padraig, 6-1 Nijanna, 10-1 Camroc, 12-1 Clonroche Gazette, 14-1 others.

2.50 JACK BRITTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,289: 2m 4f) (10)

1 2-21 VILLIERSTOWN 21 (C,D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-12-7 R Lamb
3 121- KNOCKELLY CASTLE 188 (D,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 7-11-13 G Lyons (7)
4 20-4 REPINGTON 14 (D,F,G,S) N Crump 9-11-12 ..... C Hawkins
5 144- JOINT SOVEREIGNTY 209 (CD,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-5 M Dwyer
6 4332 TRAVELOWEN 8 (CD,BF,F,G,S) A Stephenson 10-10-11 A Merrigan (7)
7 P-02 DORONICUM 21 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 8-10-10 J Hansen
8 P-21 OAKEN 11 (F,G) Denys Smith 6-10-8 (8ex) ..... C Grant
15 -100 TOMMY GE 11 (D,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-0 B Storey
16 F0-0 SNOW BLESSED 21 (CD,F,G,S) C Alexander 10-10-0 J O'Gorman (7)
17 0P40 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 32 (F,G,S) T Kersey 6-10-0 —

7-2 Oaken, 4-1 Villierstown, 9-2 Repington, 11-2 Doronicum, 8-1 Travelowen, 10-1 others.

3.20 EKBALCO HURDLE (£4,542 2m 60yd) (9)

1 4-02 GRANNY'S PRAYER 178 (F,G,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-6 M Dwyer
3 120- BALLYDURROW 228 (C,F,G,S) R Fisher 10-11-0 M Hammond
6 1/0- HIGH DEBATE 255 (S) J Jefferson 6-11-0 ..... N Doughty
7 -003 SADDAM 8 B Wilkinson 7-11-0 ..... C Hawkins
9 03-1 ALBERT THE GREAT 25 (F,G) R Gray 4-10-13 P A Farrell
11 210- PAT'S JESTER 214 (S) R Allan 4-10-13 ..... P Niven
12 1-24 MACUSLA 14 (BF,F) R Hawkey 5-10-9 ..... C Grant
13 /03- MILLIE GREY 394 (F,G) J Charlton 7-10-9 ..... P Dennis
14 0P-0 SYRINX 11 (S) S Payne 5-10-9 ..... T Reed

11-10 Ballydurrow, 5-2 Granny's Prayer, 6-1 High Debate, 12-1 Macusla, 14-1 Pat's Jester, Millie Grey, 16-1 others.

3.50 SIMONBURN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,101: 2m 60yd) (19)

1 012 COME-N-JOINUS 19 (S) P Charlton 4-11-6 K Cotter (7)
2 1 QUICK DANCER 11 (G) J S Wilson 4-11-6 ..... C Grant
3 24-0 BESSACARR BOY 14 G Richards 6-11-2 ..... J Hansen
4 0-F0 COPPER STREAK 19 N Crump 5-11-2 ..... C Hawkins
5 0 CROMACH 11 Miss H Hamilton 5-11-2 ..... Mr A Dudgeon
6 00-0 DOCTOR CHESNE 11 W McGhie 5-11-2 ..... J J Quinn
8 FF/ HUNKY 748 P Monteith 5-11-2 ..... D Nolan
9 00P- MY KIKALONG 215 J J O'Neill 5-11-2 ..... R Lamb
10 200- PARIS MATCH 338 G Moore 5-11-2 ..... M Hammond
12 00-0 SNOW BARM 19 D Mohan 5-11-2 ..... K Teelan
13 0-02 WAYSIDE INN 11 B Wilkinson

Chance to see Masters final

The Times today presents the chance for its readers to win an exciting visit to London to watch the final of the Nabisco Masters world doubles tennis championship as part of a five-star weekend in the capital.

The probable field for the championship includes Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, of Sweden, Yannick Noah and Guy Forget, of France, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, of the United States, and Miloslav Mecir and Tomas Smid, of Czechoslovakia.

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5 Bob Hewitt shared in five victories in the men's doubles championship at Wimbledon. Name his two partners.

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ATHLETICS

Judge seeks IAAF reply over Gasser

Bern, Switzerland (Agencies) — A Swiss judge asked the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday to respond by December 11 to Sandra Gasser's demand for a temporary lifting of her two-year ban from competition for alleged drug use. Miss Gasser was suspended after testing positively for anabolic steroids at the world championships in Rome last month. Her lawyer, Bernhard Rosat, said on Friday that he had applied to the civil courts to have the ban lifted on the grounds that it violated her basic human rights.

Rosat said his client, who was told of the IAAF decision by the Swiss Athletic Federation (SLV) on September 29, had so far received no official confirmation of the ban. The SLV said it did not accept the findings because the second analysis of the reserve urine did not tally indisputably with the first.

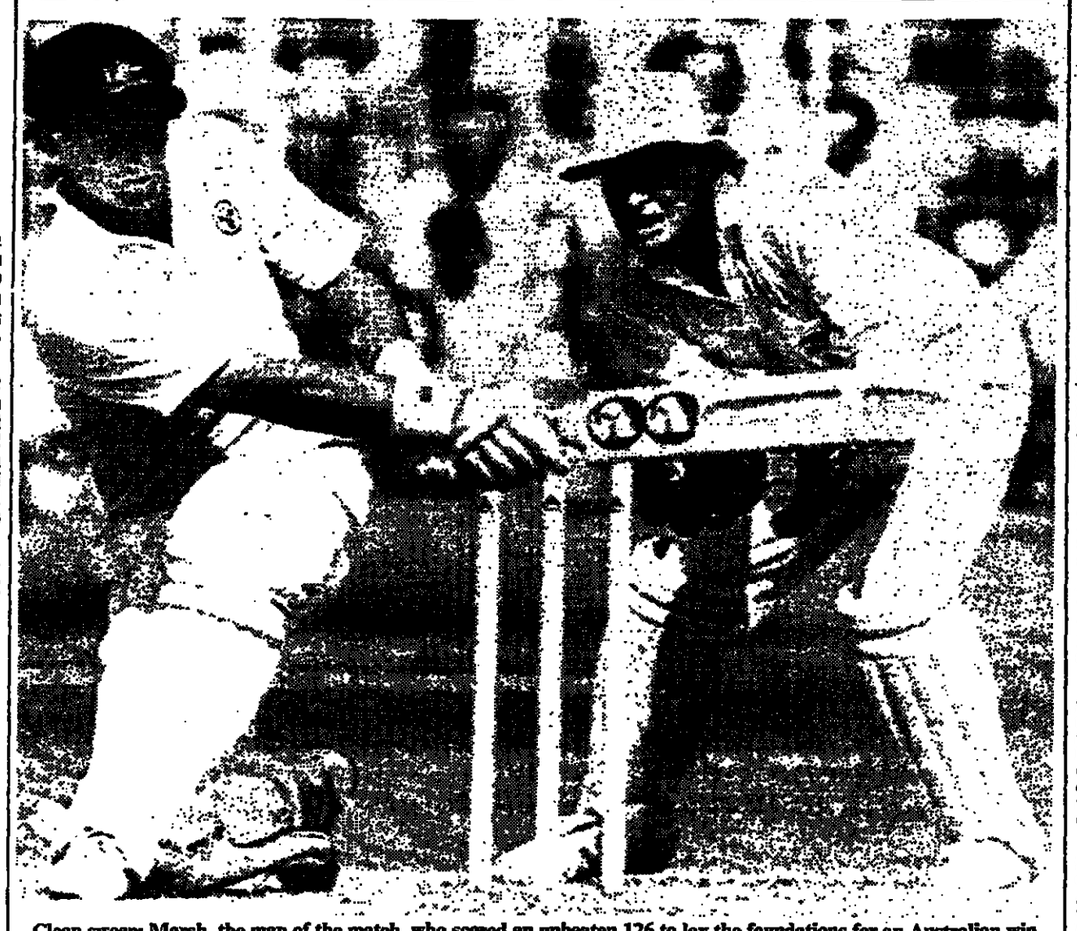
Miss Gasser, aged 25, took the bronze medal in the 1,500 metres in Rome and won the mile at the IAAF Grand Prix final in Brussels a week later.

Murray finds a new coach

Yvonne Murray, the European indoor 3,000 metres champion, is to be coached by Tommy Boyle, who guided Tom McKean to Commonwealth and European 800 metres silver medals last year. Miss Murray parted company with her coach of nine years, Bill Gentleman, at the end of the track season.

Miss Murray, aged 23, finished well out of the medals in the 3,000 metres in the world championships in Rome. In a letter to Gentleman, she said that she felt he had not explored "every avenue in her preparation". Boyle said: "I hope we can build on the excellent work Bill has done."

CRICKET: MARSH PLAYS LONE HAND WITH HIS SECOND CENTURY IN WORLD CUP



Clean sweep: Marsh, the man of the match, who scored an unbeaten 126 to lay the foundations for an Australian win

Australia fashion victory from New Zealand's misfortunes

From Alan Lee
Chandigarh

WORLD CUP CRICKET

Australian cricket can still believe in its promised renaissance after beating New Zealand by 17 runs yesterday to enter the World Cup semi-finals for the first time since 1975.

This particular win, however, did precious little for their credibility. The public address system announced the man of the match as Geoff Marsh, of New Zealand. It was an appropriate gaffe. So much of the cricket in this game had a death-wish that it was hard to be certain the players had not swapped sides.

Marsh, ironically, is the honourable exception. In his efficient, accumulative way, he carried his bat through the Australian innings, scoring 126 and papering over the cracks of the performance. It was his second century of the World Cup, a feat previously achieved only by Glenn Turner, who happened to be New Zealand's agitated cricket manager yesterday.

Marsh aside, the keys to this result can be found in the misfortunes of New Zealand's two most reliable players. Ewen Chatfield conceded 19 runs in the final over of the Australian innings — two more than the winning margin. Then, when the Kiwis were hinting they might still make a fight of it, Martin Crowe was freakishly run out at the non-striker's end as Wright's straight drive was unwittingly deflected into the stumps by Waugh.

In all, there were seven run-outs in the game and the other six were sacrificial. Again, symptomatic of one of those matches which neither side deserved to win.

The crowd, it must be said, were happily oblivious. Remarkably, 25,000 packed into the attractive, open ground and, despite their native impartiality, they made plenty of noise — sometimes too much for the liking of the 3,000 police on duty, some of them acting like stern cinema usherettes when anyone stood up.

Australia chose to bat first, partly because they feel most comfortable that way and partly because they had in mind the total of 260 which would have kept them ahead of India on run-rate. They failed to get there by a far narrower margin than had seemed likely when, in the 46th over, they stood at 201 for seven.

They were not entirely at ease at any stage. Boon set the trend by running himself out in the tenth over, and although the second wicket produced 126 in 26 overs, Dean Jones was never in his best form, apparently beset by anxiety over the flagging scoring rate.

Marsh is the type who never visibly worries about such trivialities. He has the phlegmatism of an Edrich, or a Lawry and is starting to suggest he might be as good. For a time the spinners, cannily introduced very early by Jeff Crowe, tied him down, but then he would play a calculated mow for four over mid-wicket and the momentum would be restored.

After Jones, however, no-one could keep him company. Three middle-order wickets went down for only seven and it was not until May, at No. 9, joined Marsh that a purpose replaced panic. Even so, the last over began with a modest 232 scored and it needed an inexplicably generous Chatfield, spraying leg-side half-volleys utterly out of character, to give Australia a fighting total.

If they were to be beaten, the likely route was by Wright playing the anchor role and Martin Crowe playing the shots. Part one of this theory was carried through, Wright playing with great sense and responsibility for his 61, but Crowe's cruel dismissal left his side exposed in all their inadequacies.

Jeff Crowe does not look a top-class player and, while the neat, acquisitive Rutherford often does, he perished to a foolhardy hook against McDermott. Border, who continues to captain with authority, brought himself on at a crucial stage and not only kept things tight for seven overs but took two important wickets.

Waugh, such a natural cricketer, was involved in almost everything else and was bowling when the end came, Watson chancing a sharp run against the unerring arm of Border.

Australia's run-rate is now 5.16, compared to India's 5.18, but as they end with a match against Zimbabwe, they could now be thought favourites to win the group and play their semi-final in Bombay, probably against England. As for New Zealand, their World Cup is as good as over. Without Hadlee they were never likely winners but they have performed rather worse than they can have feared.

AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh not out	126
D C Boon run out	14
D M Jones c Smith b Watson	56
*A R Border b Snedden	1
M R J Veletta run out	0
S R Waugh b Watson	1
†G C Dyer b Chatfield	8
C J McDermott lbw b Chatfield	5
T B A May run out	15
A K Zesers not out	8
Extras (lb 10, w 7)	17
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	251

B A Reid did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-151, 3-158, 4-158, 5-175, 6-193, 7-201, 8-228.

BOWLING: Snedden 10-0-48-1; Chatfield 10-2-52-2; Boock 10-1-45-0; Bracewell 4-0-24-0; Patel 8-0-26-0; Watson 8-0-46-2.

NEW ZEALAND

M C Snedden b Waugh	32
J G Wright c and b Zesers	61
M D Crowe run out	4
K R Rutherford c Jones b McDermott	44
*J J Crowe c and b Border	27
D N Patel st Dyer b Border	3
J G Bracewell run out	12
†I D S Smith c Boon b Waugh	12
S L Boock run out	12
W Watson run out	8
E J Chatfield not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 4, nb 2)	14
Total (48.4 overs)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-82, 3-127, 4-173, 5-179, 6-196, 7-206, 8-208, 9-221.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-43-1; Reid 8-0-30-0; Waugh 9.4-0-37-2; Zesers 9-0-37-1; May 10-0-52-0; Border 7-0-27-2.

Man of the Match: G R Marsh (Aus).

Umpires: D R Shepherd (Eng) and Khizer Hyat (Pak).

England wary of Sri Lanka in final qualifying match

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Jaipur

England will be treating their one remaining qualifying match in the World Cup, against Sri Lanka in Poona (now more commonly known in India as Pune or Puna) on Friday with no less determination than they showed in beating West Indies here on Monday. It is the last hurdle before the semi-finals and not a particularly stiff one, but Sri Lanka have sprung surprises before now. So long as England win on Friday they will play in the second of the semi-finals, which is in Bombay tomorrow week.

West Indies, meanwhile, have left for Karachi where they, too, are engaged on Friday, against Pakistan. If the West Indies win then, and England lose to Sri Lanka and West Indies finish with a better run rate than England it would be West Indies for the semi-final. But enough of that.

It would hardly have seemed possible at the start of last year, when David Gower's England side was being battered around the Caribbean, that West Indies should be so desperately in need of success as they are now. This year alone they have lost two one-day internationals out of three in the Perth challenge, five out of eight in the World Series Cup, also in Australia, and three out of five in the World Cup, where their only two wins have been against Sri Lanka.

Had Marshall been bowling against England on Monday morning, between 9.0 and 10.0, it would have been a very different game. Instead, it seems as though he is not keen even to join Richards's side when they stay on in India after the World Cup to play five Test matches and six one-day internationals. He is saying he needs a longer rest than he has had.

Garner is not in the selectors' good books for having changed his mind about his availability for the World Cup, and it is feared that Gray may be out of the game for five weeks with his broken arm. Poor Carl Hooper, the young hope of West Indian cricket, has had a bad week so far, having bowled the ball which did the damage to Gray and failed badly with bat and ball against England.

Hooper's form on Monday could have been a reflection of the tensions at present affecting the West Indians. He bowled wide after wide, in spite of doing little more than turn his arm over. Patterson, another of their bowlers, is trying to be what he is not. By nature he is a tearaway, fiercely fast on his day with a horrid bouncer. Here he has been bowling off a short run in the search for greater accuracy and to avoid being no-balled. It is as though he has been muzzled.

On Monday, besides having to captain the side and carry the battting, Richards had to come on himself and show his bowlers what was required of them. When the match was over he put his arm round Lamb and had a good laugh, as though he was pleased for England, but he knows only too well that back in West Indies criticism is mounting. In yesterday's *Times of India*, Clive Lloyd wrote: "The lack of accuracy the West Indian bowlers displayed was so unexpected that it was difficult to bear."

So must their batting have been once Richards was out. Through the years of West Indian domination Lloyd himself was there to steady the boat when, as quite often happened, his side were something like 100 for four. It is said that Haynes has never been one for a crisis, and Gomes, who was, has retired. Although Logie still sparkles in the field his Test record is singularly undistinguished for someone who has been one of the party for so long. The best news for Richards is that Greenidge will almost certainly be here for the Tests against India. Yet even he is a man of moods.

Having suffered so much at the hands of the West Indians, England could be forgiven for now savouring their discomfort. But if they are I have not noticed it. As soon as they got off the field on Monday they were to be heard saying: "We're not there yet." A reassuring indication that they are not taking Sri Lanka for granted. Micky Stewart spoke yesterday of a "thousand per cent improvement in the fielding" compared to what it had been against Pakistan in Karachi. Despite an assortment of minor injuries he was hoping to arrange a practice in Bombay today while the team are waiting for an evening flight to Poona.

There is work to be done on the fast bowlers, something different with each and perhaps most of all with Small, whose 19 overs in England's last two matches have cost 124 runs for only one wicket. It is thought that he might subconsciously be "saving" the injury in his side which kept him out of the game for much of last season in England and that could be affecting his action. Like most of the fast bowlers in the competition, he is having difficulty keeping the ball away from the leg side. But his boundary fielding is a big asset, and Jarvis, who would probably replace him, has himself been nursing a shoulder strain.

West Indies' tour dates

Delhi (Reuter) — West Indies, who go straight into a tour of India after the World Cup, will play five Tests and six one-day internationals.

They will also play four three-day matches and, after the tour ends officially, two one-day benefit games

ITINERARY: Nov 14-18: v Ranji Trophy champions, Hyderabad; Nov 20-22: v India Under-25, Nagpur; Nov 25-30: First Test, Delhi (rest day Nov 27); Dec 4-8: Second Test, Kanpur (rest day Dec 7); Dec 12-14: v Duleep Trophy champions, Pune; Dec 18-23: Third Test, Bombay (rest day Dec 21); Dec 26-28: v Indian Board President's XI, Visakhapatnam; Dec 30: one-day international, Gauhati; Jan 3-8: Fourth test, Calcutta (rest day Jan 6); Jan 12-17: Fifth test, Madras (rest day 14); Jan 20: one-day international, Rajkot; Jan 23: one-day international, Faridabad; Jan 25: one-day international, Gwalior; Jan 28: one-day international, Ahmedabad; Jan 31: one-day international, Trivandrum.

Manager's position for Imran

Imran Khan could become the Pakistan team manager if he keeps his promise to retire after the World Cup. The chairman of selectors, Hasib Ahsan, has hinted that the all-rounder, aged 34, might be offered the job should attempts to prolong his international career fail.

Imran, who announced his retirement plans last summer, said again last week that he would not be available for the home Test series against England, which starts next month. Javed Miandad is the favourite to succeed him as captain.

Imran: new appointment?

CUP DETAILS

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
India	5	4	1	16	5.18
Australia	5	4	1	16	5.16
New Zealand	5	2	3	8	4.99
Zimbabwe	5	0	5	0	3.72

REMAINING MATCHES (India): Oct 30 (Cuttack): Australia v Zimbabwe; Oct 31 (Nagpur): India v New Zealand.

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Pakistan	5	5	0	20	5.08
England	5	3	2	12	5.11
West Indies	5	2	3	8	5.17
Sri Lanka	5	0	5	0	3.97

REMAINING MATCHES: Oct 30 (Pune, India): England v Sri Lanka; Oct 30 (Karachi, Pakistan): Pakistan v West Indies.

● *Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.*

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A; Nov 5 (Bombay): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B.

FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

RUGBY UNION

Davies set for his belated debut

By David Hands

Jonathan Davies, the Wales stand-off half, has been picked by Llanelli against the touring Petone club from New Zealand at Stradey Park this evening. It will be his debut for the club he joined from Neath during the summer but in whose colours he has yet to appear after injuring his knee in the Harlequins sevens tournament early in September.

Davies is joined in the side by another international, Ieuan Evans, the wing who has been struggling with a groin injury all season. Evans is cast at centre this evening but both players will be watched keenly by the Welsh selectors, whose team to play the United States on November 7 is due to be announced tomorrow.

The selectors will have been pleased that Richard Moriarty, the Welsh captain, came through Swansea's game against Leicester at the weekend without mishap. Indeed it was an excellent Swansea performance in which Paul Moriarty was outstanding at flanker.

Wasps recall two England internationals for their game at Gosforth on Saturday. Rob Andrew and Huw Davies return while three more internationals, Mark Bailey, Nick Stringer and Nigel Melville, appear in the Second XV against High Wycombe.

Roger Pellow, who scored four tries in the 57-7 defeat of Askeans last weekend, remains on the wing in the first XV but will be aware of Bailey's return to action and that Simon Smith, another England wing, is hoping to be fit once more early next month.

RFU tries to heal relationship with Argentina

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has agreed to resume normal playing relations with Argentina. Since the Falklands war five years ago, there has been an absence of official contact even though there has been limited contact at administrative and youth-team level during that period.

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, has written to the Argentinian Rugby Union suggesting a resumption of playing relationships, though without making any precise proposals. "We took soundings from the Foreign Office," Wood said yesterday, "and in the light of that the committee agreed to resume contact. No doubt we will have to think about an invitation to tour in due course."

John Kendall-Carpenter, one of England's representatives on the International Rugby Football Board (IB) and chairman of the World Cup management committee, was also able to advise his RFU colleagues after a recent visit to Argentina and the two countries made informal contact during the World Cup last summer, in which Argentina were grouped away from the four home countries and subsequently failed to reach the knockout stages.

The Welsh Rugby Union decided in September to resume playing contact with Argentina and the RFU may also have borne in mind Argentina's alignment within the last year with FIRA, the French-based organization which now embraces more than 30 countries.

England's last playing contact with Argentina at senior level was in 1981, when Billy Beaumont captained a touring party which won one international and drew the other — the first time, incidentally, that England awarded full caps against a non-International Board country. Argentina are at present entertaining the Australians, whom they meet in an international in Buenos Aires this weekend.

Kendall-Carpenter will be among the board representatives who gather in Agen next month for an interim meeting, among whose first business will be the gathering of the IB emergency committee to discuss the unofficial South Pacific Barbarians tour to South Africa.

For the first time for many years South Africa will not be represented by Danie Craven, the chairman of the South African Rugby Board (SARB). He is convalescing in Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town after a triple-aneurism heart operation and, though in good spirits, will remain there for some time.

His place will be taken by Jan Pickard, who will accompany South Africa's other board member, Fritz Eloff, to France. Pickard, a lock or back-row forward on the Springboks tour of Britain in 1951 and subsequently capped in 1953-4, is president of the Western Province union and has had so much to do with the restructuring of the Newlands ground in Cape Town into the magnificent venue it now is.

Pickard, aged 59, is also a millionaire businessman, whose influence in South African rugby affairs is indicated by his position as chairman of the SARB's finance, sponsorship and television committees. He would probably be regarded as the eventual successor to the aging Dr Craven but for illness.

Winterbottom is selected

Peter Winterbottom, though not yet returned to England after spending the last three months in South Africa, has been chosen for Yorkshire in their Toshiba County championship match against Cheshire at Headingley next Wednesday (David Hands writes).

The England flanker is part of a substantial rearrangement of the county side, even though they won their opening game against Northumberland earlier this month. This is largely because so many first-choice players were unavailable for that game; next week's team sees the likes of Andrew, Underwood and John Buckton restored to the XV.

Winterbottom will play blind-side flanker with Peter Buckton on the open side and Ellison, the Wasps No. 8, between them. Yorkshire's back-row riches have, in any case, been limited by injury since neither Simon Tipping (Sale) nor Graham Marshall (Wakefield) is fit.

Andrew will captain the side for the first time in the championship (though he has captained Yorkshire before, against Ulster) because Mike Harrison is not available: the England wing will be in Japan to play for their President's XV against New Zealand.

Cumbria, who opened their championship with a win against Durham, will field an unchanged XV against Lancashire at Orrell. Six of their team have been training with the North squad this season, including the whole back row of Sam Hodgson (Vale of Lune), Simon Holmes (Fylde) and Andrew Macfarlane (Fylde). The other three include George Doggart, scrum half with the successful Aspatria side who will be pitting their wits against Wasps in the John Player Special Cup in January.

Doggart's half-back partner, David Pears, is also playing for Cumbria but at centre rather than stand-off half, while Aspatria have a third county representative in Charlie Graves, their lock.

GOLF

Johnson closes on notable treble

From John Hennessy, La Manga, Spain

Everything Trish Johnson, a former England amateur champion, touches just now as a professional seems to turn to gold. That, at least, is how it looked when she came in with a 69, five under par, on the first day of the Qualitair Spanish Women's Open championship yesterday.

This brought her alongside Janet Soulsby, a former British stroke-play champion, but before the day was done four other players had joined them, a cosmopolitan assembly from France, Australia, Italy and Scotland, in the persons of, respectively, Anne-Marie Palli, Corinne Dibnah, Federica Dassu and Catherine Panton.

Miss Johnson still holds a strong chance, of course, of completing a notable treble in successive weeks. First she won the players' qualifying tournament in the United States, then the Woolmark British match-play championship at Moor Park, and now she is among leaders in the last tournament of the European season.

Miss Johnson had Laura Davies as a playing partner and, consequently, a sizeable gallery. If they had come to admire the United States Open champion from Surrey it was Miss Johnson who won their approval with a card showing nothing over par.

Miss Davies, by contrast, lived through the perils of Pauline. The fairways seemed forbidden territory for her yet she somehow contrived seven birdies in a round of 75, one over par. Her hopes of retaining this title are virtually dead, especially as the tournament has been restricted to 54 holes to make way for a pro-am on Friday.

Miss Johnson, who spent 17 hours getting here from Moor Park on Sunday night, was denied a practice round and was tackling the course for the first time. "Where's the first tee?" she roguishly asked the tournament director as she went out to play. Her caddie had done his homework, however, and her control was immaculate once she had learnt where to put the ball.

Dale Reid, of Scotland, who is now certain to succeed Miss Davies as winner of the Woolmark order of merit, is one shot behind the leaders, having missed a chance from eight feet for a birdie at the last.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 69: P Johnson, J Soulsby, F Dassu (It), A-M Palli (Fr), C Dibnah (Aus), C Panton. 70: D Reid. 71: K Lunn (Aus), R Comstock (US), K Douglas. 72: J Hill, Marion Burton, B Huke, L Neumann (Swe), M Garner, L Percival, C Duffy, R Hast (SA) J Howard (Zim), S Moon (US). 73: P Smalle, S Strudwick, S Wunsch (Sp, amateur), J Rumsey, M Thomson, E Girardi (It), D Chadzinski (WG), L Wilson, (Aus), J Brown, A Nicholas, M Wennerstam (Sweden).

Boost for Oldham

The Rugby League title hopes of the second division leaders, Oldham have been improved by the signing of the former England rugby union forward, Hugh Waddell, on a two-year contract.

BOXING

WBC set to update medicals

More stringent medical tests for all world top-10 boxers were announced by the World Boxing Council (WBC) at their annual convention in London yesterday.

Dr Adrian Whiteson, co-chairman of the medical commission, said that all champions and world title contenders — fighters in the top 10 — would have to undergo even more exhaustive medical examinations.

These will be updated as a result of the WBC medical research project based at UCLA in Los Angeles, one of the world's top teaching hospitals.

No boxer will be admitted to the top ten without satisfying every condition. All records will be computerized and immediately available.

"Boxing has its hazards and we have to meet them," Dr Whiteson said. "Instead of being on the defensive and merely answering criticisms, we are going all out to prevent the criticisms being levelled at us.

"We can only mandate for world champions and contenders, but we shall be passing our recommendations to all boxing authorities and we hope they will follow them."

The WBC will also adopt the guidelines on drug abuse and testing laid down by the International Olympic Committee and, more recently, by the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, who is himself a former steward of the British Boxing Board of Control.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Third round
A Villa v Tottenham
Leeds v Oldham
Liverpool v Everton
Manchester Utd v C Palace
Oxford v Leicester
Peterborough v Reading
Swindon v Watford (8.0)
Wimbledon v Newcastle (7.45)

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Bristol R v Hereford (7.45)
Chester v Blackpool
Northampton v Brentford
Scarborough v Sunderland

GM Vauxhall Conference
Lincoln v Barnet
Maidstone v Sutton Utd

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Falkirk
Dundee v Morton
Dunfermline v Rangers
Hibernian v Dundee Utd
St Mirren v Aberdeen

First division
E Fife v Clydebank
Queen of Sth v Clyde

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Semi-final: Linfield v Glentoran (at Windsor Park, Belfast).

FA CUP: Fourth round qualifying replay: Welling v Boston United.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest. Second division: Darlington v Wigan; Preston v Mansfield; Scunthorpe v Doncaster; Stoke v Blackburn.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Norwich (at Tooting and Mitcham FC); Ipswich v Chelsea (2.0); Millwall v Tottenham (2.0); Queen's Park Rangers v Fulham (2.0).

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Gillingham v Wimbledon (1.0).

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth v Hereford (2.0).

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Kingsbury v Wembley. Second division south: Petersfield v Newbury; Flackwell Heath v Hungerford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Oswestry v Bangor City; South Liverpool v Caernarfon; Worksop v Gateshead.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Burton v Shepshed; Canterbury v Gravesend (at Thanet); Fareham v Waterlooville; Wellingborough v Grantham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Chippenham v Clevedon; Bristol Manor Farm v Radstock; Frome v Weston-super-Mare.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Blyth; Consett v Chester-le-Street; Guisborough v Bishop Auckland; Ryhope v Brandon; Shildon v South Bank; Spennymoor v Crook.

HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Royston v Tring.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second preliminary round: Hounslow v Feltham.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: West Ham v Luton.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Rosslyn Park v London Irish (7.15).

TOUR MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers v US Eagles (Cardiff, 2.30); Llanelli v Petone (NZ) (7.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Blaina (7.0); Bath v Cheltenham (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Newport (7.0); Exeter v Devonport Services; Maesteg v Penarth (7.15); Morley v Bradford and Bingley; New Brighton v Orrell; Pontypridd v South Glamorgan Institute (7.15); Roundhay v Headingley (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOURNAMENT: British Coal Nine-a-side finals (at Wigan, 7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Solent v Hemel and Watford (8.0).

BOWLS: Indoor county match: Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire.

BOXING: WBC/IBF World welterweight title defence: Lloyd Honeyghan v Jorge Vaca (Mexico) (at Wembley).

GOLF: Golf Foundation schools team championship: Qualifying round (at Langley Park).

HOCKEY: Pizza Express London League: Maidenhead v Oxford University (2.15).

SNOOKER: Hofmeister World doubles championship: Preliminary rounds (at Portsmouth).

SQUASH RACKETS: World team championship: Final stages (at Royal Albert Hall).

TENNIS: LTA Women's indoor circuit (at Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall).

VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank National League: First division men: Malory v Spark Crook Log (at Crofton leisure centre).

SPORT ON TV

BADMINTON: British Airways masters: Extended highlights of the recent tournament at the Albert Hall. C4: 2.15-4.0 p.m.

MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL: Football: Highlights from the Littlewoods Cup: Third round. Boxing: Report from the WBC annual convention at London's Cumberland Hotel. ITV: 10.30 p.m.

RACING: 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races from Ascot. BBC2: 2.20 p.m.

SPORTSNIGHT: Boxing: World welterweight championship: Lloyd Honeyghan (GB) v Jorge Vaca (Mex): Live coverage from Wembley. Rugby League: British Coal nine-a-side tournament from Wigan. Tennis: Interview with Pat Cash. Football: News and results from the Littlewoods Cup. BBC1: 10.30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL: SPOTLIGHT FALLS ON MERSEYSIDE AS EVERTON TRY TO END LIVERPOOL'S RECORD

Pressure on Harvey to formulate a master plan

By Ian Ross

If Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, has succeeded where everyone else has failed so far this season and hatched a revolutionary plan to halt the progress of Liverpool, he is keeping it to himself.

Harvey, who has served the Football League champions as man and boy over the past 25 years, understands better than most the intricacies of the pre-Merseyside derby psychological war.

Preparing 11 men mentally and physically for the task of not simply winning a football match but safeguarding local pride and honour is something few would relish and yet the man who almost reluctantly accepted one of European football's most coveted posts four months ago is eager to undertake what so many would regard as a mission impossible.

Exactly how Harvey set about convincing his side that they will begin as equals in tonight's Littlewoods Cup third round tie at Anfield remains a closely guarded secret but despite the praise which has been heaped on their neighbours, optimism remains high at Goodison Park.

"Liverpool have had a tremendous start to the season — you only have to look at the league table to confirm that. I have played in a few derbies, coached in a few but this is my first as a manager and I am looking forward to it. I don't feel any different really except that the onus is on me and the buck stops here," he said.

"The game threatens to be a real cracker with two teams going at each other hammer and tongs backed by a tremendous following. It is important that the game is a good one because we will be in the public eye and we would like to show the rest of the country how derby matches should be played."

With no fresh injury problems, Harvey's only selection dilemma is whether or not to recall Pat Van Den Hauwe, the Welsh international, at left back in place of Neil Pointon who played against Watford at the weekend.

While Harvey was more than willing to wax lyrical about a tie which has attracted such enormous interest that it will be relayed live to massive television screens at Goodison Park. Dalglish, typically, was not.

After naming a 16-man squad and declining to announce who will replace the cup-tied Ray Houghton, the ever reserved Scot said: "I think both teams have been successful over the years through trying to play football and by competing. Form does not count for an awful lot, even more so in these games."

Metgod: will be expected to control midfield on his return from injury

Spurs banking on Metgod's fitness for visit to Villa

By Clive White

Johnny Metgod, who has missed Tottenham Hotspur's last six games because of an abdominal problem, may be asked, at Villa Park tonight, to stabilize a side still reeling from the shock of David Pleat's sudden resignation.

It will be a bold decision by Trevor Hartley, the coach, in his first game in charge of team selection. Metgod was recently thought to be in need of a hernia operation and Aston Villa, unbeaten in 12 games under Graham Taylor's leadership, are sure to present a vigorous challenge in this Littlewood Cup third round tie for which a 30,000 crowd is expected.

Hartley, though, is convinced Metgod has the stomach for it. "The problem seems to have cleared up and he has trained very hard in the past week. There's no reason why he cannot be included."

Against Metgod's former club, Nottingham Forest, on Saturday, Tottenham's midfield lacked someone of Metgod's ability to control matters from deep positions. If he plays, Stevens is likely to revert to right back.

The tie presents a good opportunity for Hartley to stake his claim for the manager's job; victory over Villa would be quite an achievement given Tottenham's dubious state of health, physical and mental. Waddle and Clemence are again unlikely to be fit to play, though Hodge should return.

Hartley, however, is not taking himself too seriously when it comes to the naming of Pleat's successor. "I think I'm next in line after Derek Jameson," he said, adding: "I understand that Venables is the key man and I'm just happy to be in a job."

Hartley, though, is clearly annoyed that his own position should be threatened by matters beyond his control. "I could understand it if I was a bad coach," he said. It is the way of the football jungle that a new manager tends to appoint his own coach, leaving the previous coach to go the same way as the previous manager.

Villa's response to Taylor has been remarkable after an abject start. Though severely handicapped by injuries, notably to Hunt and Cooper, they have climbed to fourth place in the second division. Yesterday Lillis was sent home to bed with a virus, giving Blair the chance to play his first game in 14 months.

Taylor, who announced that the rift with Doug Ellis, the chairman, had been healed, said: "We are short of cover in certain areas and I have to make sure this does not hamper our chances of winning promotion. Now is the right time to bring in a couple of new faces." Taylor said that the disagreement with Ellis had nothing to do with money for new players.

The health of Manchester United's personnel remains in a state of flux. Just as Whiteside returns so they lose McGrath, who injured a knee against West Ham on Sunday. Robson may revert to the role of sweeper against Crystal Palace at Old Trafford. Palace, managed by Steve Coppell, the former United player, are again without Burke, their newly signed full back from Huddersfield. Previously suspended, he is now cup-tied. Hone continues to deputize.

Newcastle United will be without Mirandinha, their Brazilian forward, at Wimbledon. He has a hamstring injury. Jackson may move to attack and either Wharton, Anderson or Bogie come into midfield.

BOXING

Roldan's knockout warning to Hearns

Las Vegas (Reuter) — Argentina's Juan Roldan believes that if Thomas Hearns boxes the way he has promised to in their World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title bout on Thursday, the American will not last five rounds.

Hearns, who will be striving to win a record fourth world title against Roldan, has said he would jab and move in and out, to get Roldan reaching and lunging and then move in for the kill. "He's the one who's going to make a mistake," Roldan said after his last full workout on Monday. "He's the one who's going to lunge. If he gives me more room, the sooner the fight will end. Hearns won't reach the fifth round."

Roldan, aged 30, will be boxing for the title for the second time. He was stopped by former middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, in the 10th round in 1984, in his first attempt to win the middleweight crown. Hearns, aged 28, also lost to Hagler — in three rounds in 1985. He has held the World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title and the WBC super-welterweight and light-heavyweight crowns.

Roldan, with a 63-3-2 record and one no-decision, again sparred with light heavyweights on Monday, as he has been for most of his training. "I can't work with middleweights," he said. "They can't take my punches" he said. Although Roldan said he was taking it easy in Monday's workout, he still looked sluggish, getting caught with several good combinations to the head.

Asked if his three months of training might have been too much, Roldan, who comes from the small town of Freire, in Cordobá province where he owns a farm, said: "No, because we balance everything, I have professionals working with me."

MOTOR-RALLYING

Australian drivers to the fore

Delhi — An Australian-Japanese team was in the lead yesterday at the end of the first day of the 1,860-mile eighth Himalayan motor rally.

The team of Kenjiro Shinozuka and Fred Gocentas, driving a Mitsubishi Starion, were six minutes ahead of the scheduled time when they arrived at the overnight stop at Naintal, 372 miles north of New Delhi.

The Australian team of Ross Dunkerton and Steve McKimmie, also in a Starion, finished second, while Flory Roothaert and Christian Waulters, of Belgium, were third in a Nissan 240 RS.

Ninety-six cars were flagged off from Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in Delhi but the first entry to start also became the first to withdraw. A Starion driven by an Australian, David Officer, and his wife, Kathryn, rolled off the road in the race's first section. The two suffered only minor injuries in their maiden effort in the event.

The rally is scheduled to finish on Sunday back in Delhi

New information database launched

Child's play: Schoolchildren use The Times Network Systems to gain access to information on sport

Computer system to revolutionise way sport is run

By David Miller

A computer system which has the potential to revolutionise sports administration and communication becomes available today, thanks to The Times Network Systems.

If Daley Thompson, training in California, or Boris Becker, competing in Asia, wish to be in touch with their coach Frank Dick in London on a daily basis, they will be able to do so by buying into this exclusive computer link, by-passing the need for expensive, simultaneous telephone communication when separated by many hours' time difference.

TTNS launches its new information database relating to sport and leisure activities, at Queen's Club this morning. The first achievement of the Sportnet facility is that it has found unanimity between the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

The Sports Council is providing a section of the database, covering topics such as the drugs issue, alongside national events details and other information. The CCPR, which has 130 members, endorses the use of Sportnet as a communication network for governing bodies. At the same time the Associated Examining Board and the Physical Education Association are providing curriculum support for PE teachers. TTNS buys its resource from Telecom Gold.

The English Basket Ball Association is to use the electronic mail facility as a "notice board" for all its members, and will also operate a database learning package for competitors. The direct link to selected governing bodies of sport, with news of events, award scheme courses for students and coaches, will short circuit what is currently a slow and cumbersome national process involving a mountain of paperwork.

Sportnet becomes particularly relevant with the introduction of two new A level examinations for Sports Studies and Physical Education, both recognized by the Secondary Educational Council. Petra (the PE teachers' resource area) will be able to coordinate exam syllabuses and curriculum projects with its students and teachers.

The Amateur Rowing Association already has plans for linking Penny Chuter, the chief national coach based in London, with an important development group of oarsmen in Nottingham, with a daily exchange of training routine information, results and alterations in programmes. Previously they have had to be in contact by post or telephone.

The Lawn Tennis Association hopes to achieve an expanded audience for its free magazine containing details of the Indoor Tennis Initiative. With the comparatively inexpensive purchase of the necessary software, it will be possible to get a printout of magazine information, accounts, the minutes of annual meetings and all information normally handled laboriously by secretarial staff.

A survey has already demonstrated that a national governing body would be able to recover its costs of mini-computer installation within the first year in savings on telephone, postage and copying, without even taking into account the saving on staffing costs.

Sportnet will sell annual subscriptions varying from £70, for careers information to secondary schools, to £240 for unlimited access. For a mere £40 it will be possible to buy the international mail facility.

Ken Wooten, one of the directors of the Sportnet's database, says: "The potential for sport of this system is limited only by the imagination of its users."

New-look Soviet side needs a draw

Moscow, (Reuter) — The Soviet Union, richly talented but infuriatingly slipshod at times, will want to secure the one point they need to qualify for the 1988 European Championship finals when they meet Iceland in the southern town of Simferopol today. The Russians are top of group three and a draw would be enough to take them out of reach of their closest rivals, East Germany, who have two matches to play.

Valeriy Lobanovsky, the Soviet coach, had hoped to seal matters earlier this month with a win against the East Germans but had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw.

Iceland should not pose too many problems for the Soviet side. With no chance of qualifying, they can only hope that end-of-season fatigue in the Soviet camp could allow them to spring a surprise. One factor which may affect the Soviet team is Lobanovsky's apparent decision to abandon his strategy of basing the national side on his own league club, Dynamo Kiev, who have long provided the backbone of the Soviet team.

An unimpressive 1-1 draw against an injury-hit French side last month seemed finally to persuade Lobanovsky of the need for a new-look team. He has turned now to younger players such as Igor Dobrovolsky, of Dynamo Moscow, Vadim Losev, the Donetsk Shakhtyor defender and Yevgeniy Yarovenko, the Kairat Alma-Ata midfield player.

East Germany, who are depending on the unlikely event of an Iceland win, need an emphatic victory themselves over Norway in Magdeburg. Even that will not be enough if the East Germans lose their last game, in France, on November 18.

Bernd Stange, the East German trainer, plans to field much the same team that led the Soviet Union 1-0 in East Berlin before conceding an equaliser 10 minutes from the end. The only newcomer to Stange's squad is the Under-21 international forward Marcus Wuckel who will be appearing on his home club ground.

Norway, who have never won in eastern Europe, will also have a newcomer in their goalkeeper, Lars Gaute Boe. Their chances have been seriously undermined by the absence of their captain, Hallvard Thoresen, who is sidelined by injury.

The Netherlands, attempting to qualify for the finals of a major tournament for the first time in eight years, should ensure their presence in the 1988 European Championship by beating Cyprus. The Dutch lead group five by one point from Greece with a match in hand

Barcelona supporters ask Nuñez to resign

Barcelona (Reuter) — The Barcelona supporters club yesterday called for the resignation of the club president, José Luis Nuñez. Barcelona's form has not improved since the departure last month of Terry Venables as manager and they have won only two of their seven league games this season.

The Barcelona supporters club said in a statement that Nuñez had offered to resign earlier in the season. "Stick by your word and resign. History will be grateful and so shall we," the statement said.

Last Sunday, the Barcelona crowd waved white handkerchiefs — the sign used to demand the recall of a poor bull at a bull fight — and booed Nuñez as Barcelona were held to a 2-2 draw at home by lowly Real Mallorca. The club, languishing near the bottom of the Spanish first division, is already 11 points behind their great rivals, Real Madrid, the league leaders.

Yet the club's board rejected Nuñez's resignation last month and two Barcelona players, Julio Alberto and Francisco Carrasco, defended Nuñez yesterday, saying his resignation would not solve anything.

"I do not know anyone who could replace Nuñez now. Asking for his resignation is nonsense," Alberto said.

Operation will put Stapleton out for weeks

Amsterdam, (AFP) — Frank Stapleton, the Irish forward, now with Ajax Amsterdam, has had a hernia operation and will be out for several weeks. Stapleton, aged 31, a former Arsenal and Manchester United player was injured in training last week.

● Ian Walsh, Grimsby's leading scorer, faces a six-week lay-off after a stomach operation while utility player Ian Toale has an ankle in plaster after chipping a bone. Bobby Roberts, the manager, already looking for new players, said yesterday that he would have to step up his search

● Port Vale midfield player Robbie Earle enters hospital today for a delicate operation to repair a torn pelvic muscle which has kept him out since September 19.

Plymouth's directors refuse bid increase

The attempts of the Plymouth Argyle manager, Dave Smith, to sign Southend United's midfield player, Glenn Pennyfeather, have been ended by Smith's own board of directors.

They have refused to sanction an increase on a second, unsuccessful bid of £100,000 made by the manager.

Smith said: "I accept their decision. It's disappointing, but I have got to accept that we are not a bottomless pit and that we will have to cast our net elsewhere."

But Smith has drawn blanks elsewhere in his increasingly desperate search for new players to halt Plymouth's plunge into the second division's relegation zone.

Plymouth, who have won only one of their last 12 games, agreed a £120,000 fee with Portsmouth for Kevin Dillon but the deal fell through when he refused to drop down from the first division.

Smith's attempts to sign the Scottish winger, Kevin McAllister, who is Pat Nevin's understudy at Chelsea, have also met with failure.

Carl Shutt, the Sheffield Wednesday forward, aged 26, was yesterday set to join Bristol City for £55,000. Shutt, who has scored 25 goals in 58 games for Wednesday, has been unable to regain a first team place following an injury in pre-season training.

The West Ham defender, Steve Walford, is joining Huddersfield, of the second division, on a month's loan.

MOTOR CYCLING

Grand Prix for US

Paris (Reuter) — A United States motor cycling grand prix has been included in next year's calendar announced at a meeting of the International Motor Cycling Federation in Paris yesterday.

The US event, on April 10, will be the second of the 16-meeting season, which starts in Japan on March 27 and ends in Argentina on October 2. It replaces San Marino and raises the number of non-European venues to four.

GRAND PRIX CALENDAR: March 27: Japan; April 10: US; April 24: Spain; May 1: Portugal; May 22: Italy; May 29: West Germany; June 12: Austria; June 26: The Netherlands; July 3: Belgium; July 17: Yugoslavia; July 24: France; July 31: Britain; August 14: Sweden; August 21: Czechoslovakia; September 25: Brazil; October 2: Argentina.
ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: April 3: France; May 29: Britain; June 19: Italy; July 31: Japan; August 21: Belgium; September 11: Spain.

TENNIS

Brazil's strange bid to buy Davis Cup venue

Hanover (AP) — West Germany has rejected an offer from the Brazilian tennis federation to switch the location of next year's world group Davis Cup match between the two teams.

A spokesman for the West German federation said: "Although no specific money figure was mentioned, such a transaction was out of the question. It would give the Brazilians the chance to choose the surface and by having to play in front of hostile fans, our team's chances would be significantly lower. Our last two Davis Cup matches were away and we have an obligation to our fans."

The Brazilian federation had made their peculiar proposal by sending a telex to the German tennis federation offering an unspecified sum of money if the West Germans agreed to give up the right to stage the February meeting. Seven West German cities are bidding to stage the first-round match.

● FREIBURG: Boris Becker is suffering from a thigh muscle injury and sinus trouble and will miss next week's Stockholm tennis tournament (AFP reports). Becker injured his thigh in Tokyo and, according to his doctor, his sinuses have been inflamed for some time. He now needs treatment and a period of rest, his doctor said.

● HONG KONG: The British No. 1, Andrew Castle, made an early exit from the Hong Kong Open tournament here yesterday, losing in three sets in the first round of the men's singles to Christian Sacaenu, of West Germany (AFP reports).

Sacaenu won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, and afterwards, Castle, who had spent a day in the air to get to the tournament, said: "I am disappointed to go out so early after flying half-way round the world to play here." Castle did, however, manage to save four match points before losing.

RESULTS: G Muller (SA) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; C Sacaenu (WG) bt A Castle (GB), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; R Leach (US) bt W Popp (WG), 6-2, 6-2.

Casal faces Cash after outplaying Russian

Antwerp (Reuter) — Sweden's Jonas Svensson scraped to victory over Thierry Tulasne, of France, and Sergio Casal, of Spain, beat Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union, in the first round of the $950,000 European Community tennis championship yesterday.

Svensson beat Tulasne 7-6, 7-5 in a lacklustre match marked by errors on both sides of the net while the Spanish Davis Cup player, Casal, turned in a superb performance to beat Chesnokov 6-3, 6-4 as one of the world's richest tournaments began in earnest.

Svensson dropped service twice in the first three games before gaining confidence and he eventually levelled at 4-4 with some aggressive and well-placed volleys before winning the subsequent tie-break 7-5.

In contrast, Casal, who thrilled Spain by beating Boris Becker to put West Germany out of the Davis Cup earlier this year, produced a near-flawless performance. He broke the Russian's service in the eighth game and had Chesnokov on the run with his beautifully executed passing shots.

Chesnokov tried to change tactics in the second set by moving in to the net, but he dropped serve in the fifth game when he netted a low backhand and the Spaniard cruised home to victory.

Casal, who will face the Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, the fourth seed, in the second round, said: "If I play like this, serving well, returning well, I think it will be a close match."

In addition to its prize money, this event boasts a unique prize in the shape of a gold racket encrusted with 1,817 diamonds and valued at £700,000. The number one seed, Ivan Lendl, was awarded the first "golden racket" when he won this title three times in the first five years, while John McEnroe won in 1986 to begin his chase for a similarly stunning trophy.

ROWING

Oxford crews in the dark over outcomes

The three-day Oxford University autumn fours, condensed this year into two days, were rowed in near farcical conditions on the Isis yesterday. For the last two races, conditions were so dark that the crews had virtually no idea whether they were winning or losing.

RESULTS: Four Oars Challenge Cup: Quarter-final: University B bt Keble by 5sec, in 7min 41sec; Christ Church bt St Edmund Hall by 9sec, 7:27; University A beat St John's by 5sec, 7:23; New (bye). Tazolt Challenge Cup: First round: Christ Church B bt Jesus B by 20sec, 8:3; Hertford B bt Keble 17sec, 8min; New A bt Hertford C (not rowed out); Jesus A dead heated with Merton 7:55; Jesus won rerow (not rowed out). St John's B bt Hertford D by 27sec, 7:47; Christ Church A bt New B (rowed over) no time taken. St John's and Hertford A (byes). Quarter-finals: St John's A bt Christ Church B by 1sec, 8:2; New College A bt Hertford B by 26sec, 7:26; St John's B bt Jesus A by 23sec 7:27; Hertford A bt Christ Church A by 27sec, 7:45.

Oxford University Womens Boat Club Fours: Qualifying heats: Jesus B bt Wadham C by 35sec 9:38; St Hugh's B bt Oriel B by 25sec, 9:49. First round: St Hugh's A bt Wadham B by 15sec, 8:46; Osler B dead heated with Oriel A 9:14, in rerow Osler won by 1sec, 9:2; New bt Hertford A by 34sec 8:43; Keble bt Jesus B by 41sec, 9:15, Wadham A bt St Hugh's B (scratched) no time taken, Jesus A bt St John's by 44sec, 9:08; University bt Hertford B by 33sec, 9:11; Osler A bt Balliol by 72sec 8:41. Quarter-finals: St Hugh's A bt Osler B by 34sec, 8:53. New bt Keble by 1sec, 8:41, Jesus bt Wadham 6sec, 8:51; Osler A bt University 30sec, 8:54.

● The light (coxless) fours joined in the fun in the Cambridge University Fours yesterday with two of the five races having to be re-rows after the University Boat Club secretary, Graeme Cooke, declared two dead heats (a Special Correspondent writes).

1st and 3rd Trinity and Pembroke were the winners of the re-rows, the latter beating Downing, complete with the CUBC vice president, Richard Spinks, on board. The favourites, Magdalene, with three triallists, made short work of Addenbrookes.

RESULTS: Light fours: Magdalene bt Addenbrookes by 20sec, in 10min 35sec; LMBC bt Clare by 8sec, 10.40; 1st and 3rd Trinity bt Jesus by 13sec, 10.37; Pembroke bt Downing by 2½sec, 10.42; Emmanuel bt Caius (not rowed out).
Shell fours: LMBC B bt Clare A by 1sec, 7.40; Fitzwilliam A bt Emmanuel A by 39sec, 7.45; Selwyn A bt Churchill by 38sec, 7.48; Selwyn B bt Jesus B by 20sec, 8.03; Pembroke bt Downing C easily, 8.01; LMBC A bt 1st and 3rd Trinity A by 10sec, 7.34; Queens' A bt St Catharine's B by 15sec, 7.49; Jesus A bt Clare B by 20sec, 7.47.
Clinker fours: Downing bt Kings (disqualified); 1st and 3rd Trinity bt Christs; no time; LMBC bt Clare by 7sec, 8.20; Jesus bt Robinson easily, 8.12.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Port Vale 2, Exeter 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: West Bromwich Albion 1, Wrexham 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Northwich Victoria 0, Cheltenham 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Horwich 0, Goole 2; Mossley 1, Rhyl 3.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: First round: Farnborough 1, Yeovil 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Corby 0, VS Rugby 2.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Watford 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Hull 1, Manchester City 3.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS MITRE COMPETITION: Berkshire 3, Cornwall 2.
DRYBROUGH NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blue Star 9, Whitley Bay 3.
ALDERSHOT: Representative match: Army 4, Halls Brewery Hellenic League 0.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Harlow Town 4, Saffron Walden Town 1.
SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 6, Cardiff City 3; Torquay United 2, Exeter City 0.
SCHONEBECK, East Germany: European under-21 championship qualifying match: East Germany 1, Norway 1.

HOCKEY

MIDDLESEX CUP: First round: National Physical Laboratories 4, Ashford 2.
KENT CUP: Second round: Herne Bay 0, Bromley 9.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): Monday's games: Calgary Flames 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Philadelphia Flyers 2, New York Rangers 2.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (I K Timberlake and A C Hiscock) bt Wellington (H A L Knox and P J Gordon) 15-2, 15-2, 15-1, 15-11.

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Japan Cup women's tournament: Peru bt Brazil, 3-0; USSR bt United States 3-1; China bt Italy 3-0; Japan bt South Korea 3-1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Football League (NFL): Monday's games: Cleveland Browns 30, Los Angeles Rams 17; Minnesota Vikings 34, Denver Broncos 27.

BADMINTON

MEN'S GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, M Frost (Den) 1,580pts; 2, D Hall (Eng) 1,215; 3, Y Yang (China) 1,180; 4, Z Jianhua (China) 1,130; 5, X Guobao (China) 1,120; 6, Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 1,100; 7, S Yu (Aus) 985; 8 (equal), S Baddeley (Eng) 920, I Sugiarto (Indo) 920; 10, E Kurniawan (Indo) 880.
WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, L Lingwei (China) 1,780pts; 2, K Larsen (Den) 1,730; 3, L Young-Suk (S Korea) 1,195; 4, H Aiping (China) 1,190; 5, C Sung-Suk (S Korea) 945; 6, C Hattens (Den) 850; 7, S Kitada (Japan) 830; 8, Q Ping (China) 800; 9, F Elliott (Eng) 725; 10, E Lader (Indo) 715. Other British: 15, G Gowers (Eng) 500.

BOXING

ASTON VILLA LEISURE CENTRE: Light heavyweight (4 rounds): John Foreman (Birmingham) bt Randy Powell (Brockley), rsc 1st; Welterweight (10 rounds, Midland title): Del Leslie Bryan (Nottingham) bt Gary Sommerville (Birmingham), rsc 7th. Light welterweight (8 rounds): Tony Willis (Liverpool) bt Dave Haggerty (Glasgow), rtd end of 3rd. Cruiserweight (6 rounds): John McBean (Birmingham) bt Doug Young (Glasgow), rsc 2nd. Heavyweight (6 rounds): J Burns (Rugeley) bt T Lewis (Manchester), rtd 5th. Bantamweight (8 rounds): Gary Peynado (Birmingham) bt Craig Windsor (Glasgow), pts. Super featherweight (British championship): Pat Cowdell (Warley) bt Najib Daho (Manchester) rsc 9th.
BELGRADE: World cup: Quarter-finals: Light flyweight: N Munchan (USSR), bt D Zivadinovic (Yug), 2-0; J Torres (Cuba) bt R Poma (Peru), 2-0. Lightweight: E Tchuprenski (Bul) bt E Arango (Aus), 2-0; O Nazarov (USSR), bt V Dobrasinovic (Yug), 2-0; J Gonzales (Cuba) bt V Melendez (Peru), 2-0. Light welterweight: M Puzovic (Yug) bt D Kamau (Kenya), 2-0; C Duverge (Cuba) bt B Abadjiev (Bul), 2-0.
GLASGOW: Scottish light-middleweight championship: Tommy McCallum (Edinburgh) bt Dave Douglas (Larkhall) pts.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Belcom National League: Queen's Club 2, T&RA 0 (Queen's names first): D Johnson bt J Snow 6-3, 6-5; N Smith bt M Dean 6-2, 6-5. Seacourt 1, Hampton Court 1 (Seacourt names first): C Bray lost to C Ronaldson 1-6, 5-6; P Brake bt J Fletcher 6-1, 6-1.

ROWING

CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University fours: Shell division, preliminary rounds: LMBC B bt St Catharines A by 15sec (8min 02sec); Clare A bt Downing A by 10sec (8:45); Emmanuel A bt Queen's B by 4sec (8:26); Fitzwilliam A bt 1st & 3rd Trinity B by 36sec (8:07); Selwyn A bt Downing B by 32sec (7:52); Churchill A bt Caius A by 5sec (8:10); Selwyn B bt King's B by 34sec (8:24); Jesus B bt Fitzwilliam B by 5sec (8:34); Downing C bt King's A (8:36); Pembroke bt Trinity Hall A after a re-row by 1.25sec (7:59); 1st & 3rd Trinity A bt Churchill B by 1min (7:50); LMBC A bt St Catharines C by 47sec (7:47) Queen's A bt Trinity Hall B by 27sec (7:56); St Catharine's B bt Fitzwilliam C by 32sec (8:07); Clare B bt Christ's A by 1min 03sec (8:11) Jesus A bt Emmanuel B by 51sec.
● The Oxford University Autumn Fours races on the River Thames which are normally completed over three days have been condensed into two days and started yesterday.

RUGBY UNION

DEVON CUP: First round: Paignton 3, Exeter Saracens 10.
ESSEX CUP: Second round: Chingford 10, Harlow 10 (Harlow won on tries).
SURREY CUP: First round: Harrodians 19, Old Tiffinians 3; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 20, Haileyburians 0; Warlingham 19, Reigate 9.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Arnold, Blackpool 0, King's, Worcester 37; Christ's, Brecon 13, Black Rock College, Dublin 13; Edinburgh Academy 6, Rugby School 0; Stewart/Melville College 34; City of London Freemens School 4.

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Reading 43, Swindon 35. Milton Keynes v Eastbourne (Postponed, track waterlogged).
DUDLEY WOLVES TROPHY: First leg: Wolverhampton 38, Cradley Heath 51.

TENNIS

BRAMHALL: LTA women's indoor tournament: Singles: First round (British unless stated): M Pawlik (WG) bt J Tacon, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; J Louis bt J Jonerup (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; A Grunfeld bt A Simpkin, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; H Sprung (Aus) bt K Rickett, 6-4, retired; V Paquet (Fr) bt B Borneo, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; C Dahlman (Swe) bt M Ekstrand (Swe), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Second round: K Quentrec (Fr) bt Strandlund 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; V Milvidskaya (USSR) bt E Manyukova (USSR) 7-6, 7-6; Grunfeld bt C Jexell (Swe) 6-4, 6-2; C Dahlman (Swe) bt M Eijkenboom (Neth) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; N Medvedyeva (USSR) bt P Wallenfels (WG) 6-3, 6-4; S Loosemore bt Louis 6-3, 6-1; Pawlik bt T Catlin 6-3, 6-4; Paquet bt Sprung 6-4, 6-2.
ZURICH: European women's indoor tournament: First round: I Demongeot (Fr) bt B Nagelsen (US), 7-5, 6-1; C Jolissaint (Switz) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-1, 6-2; J Halard (Fr) bt E Krapl (Switz), 7-6, 7-5. R Reggi (It) bt G Miro (Br) 6-0, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; E Pfaff (WG) bt C Tanvier (Fr) 6-2, 6-4. J Wiesner-Poelzl (Austria) bt S Cecchini (It) 7-6, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-4, 7-5.
ANTWERP: European Community championship: First round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; W Fibak (Pol) bt U Stenlund (Swe) 7-6, 3-6, 6-0; J Svensson (Swe) bt T Tulasne (Fr) 7-6, 7-5; S Casal (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (USSR) 6-3, 6-4.
BERGEN: International tournament: Men's singles: First round: A Antonitsch (Austria) bt F Waern (Swe), 6-1, 7-5; P Kuhnen (WG) bt J Potier (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; L Shiras (US) bt J Klaparda (US), 6-3, 6-3; F Segarceanu (Rom) bt S Bonneau (Fr), 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; A Olkhovski (USSR) bt T Nelson (US), 6-2, 7-5; S Eriksson (Swe) bt A Haaseth (Nor), 6-3, 6-2; R Matuszewski (US) bt L Bourne (US), 7-5, 6-4.
INDIANAPOLIS: Virginia Slims of Indianapolis women's tournament (US unless stated): Singles: First round: L Meskhi (USSR) bt M Gurney 7-5, 6-0; E Hakami bt J Byrne (Aus) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; G Magers bt M Lindstrom (Swe) 6-1, 6-2; S Reece bt J Kitch 6-1, 6-2, H Na bt E Minter (Aus) 6-3, 1-6, 6-0; N Bykova (USSR) bt L Field (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt J Thomas 6-3, 6-3; M Mesker (Neth) bt A Schwartz 6-4, 6-0; H Ter Riet (Neth) P Barg 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; P Hy bt C Monteiro (Br) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; J Mundel-Reinbold (SA) bt Dee Ann Hansel 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Jaggard (Aus) bt L Golarsa (It) 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Reece bt J Kitch 6-1, 6-2.
HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: First round: G Muller (SA) bt L Lavalle (Mex) 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; C Sacaenu (WG) bt A Castle (GB) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; R Leach (US) bt W Popp (WG) 6-2, 6-2.

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England squad is warned to be on best behaviour

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The England players, and especially Terry Butcher, will be ordered to act as the calm in the middle of the impending Yugoslav storm. The early warning was issued yesterday by Bobby Robson as he announced his squad for the decisive European championship tie in Belgrade on November 11.

"It will be a white hot night", he said, "and we will need people with ice-cool heads. The clash will be a sizzler but the competitive aggression must be controlled and tempered. Experience is what will get us through and we cannot afford to be playing with only 10 men".

Although the stern message will be delivered personally to each member of the party, it is aimed principally at Butcher. Robson, who brought him up and guided him through his career at Ipswich Town, will hold "a sensible conversation" with his favourite footballing son.

They will discuss in particular the latest incident in Butcher's woeful disciplinary record at Glasgow Rangers, his dismissal from the recent game against Celtic for which he received a four-match suspension. He will be told that such conduct in the international arena will not be tolerated.

But Robson angrily defended Butcher's right to be selected against Yugoslavia. "I never doubted that he would be available. The Football Association agreed 18 months ago that players under club suspension would be banned only from friendly internationals, not competitive ones.

"We are doing something that no other country in the world is trying and the FA came in for unnecessary criticism. Whose side is everybody on, anyway? Butcher is allowed to play in the European Cup. Nobody thinks that is strange. So why shouldn't he play in the Nations Cup?"

He emphasised that the circumstances involving Cottee, who was banned for three internationals after being sent off in the under-21 game in West Germany, were markedly different. "We have said to him that you can't go around kicking people when you are wearing an England shirt."

Bryan Robson is another representative likely to be urged not to repeat his recent behaviour. During Sunday's televised game at Upton Park, he retaliated violently to Stewart's provocation and was booked. England's manager preferred to avoid commenting directly on his captain's reaction.

But he did stress that those he picks "must apply themselves to the job in hand and leave the referee to sort out everything else." They should at least be fit. For once the threat of injury has, through the co-operation of the Football League, been reduced to a minimum.

It was confirmed yesterday that four games scheduled for November 7 (Arsenal v Chelsea, Derby County v Manchester United, Liverpool v Nottingham Forest and Portsmouth v Tottenham Hotspur) have been postponed. The 15 players involved will, therefore, be able to assemble next Thursday.

So should Reid, Steven and Stevens, if not Watson who has been dropped. Everton, the side excluded from the first division programme, are in Israel that week and Robson will ask if the trio can return early. The request seems reasonable enough. Everton's match is taking place on Tuesday.

The odd ones out include Hoddle, Lineker and Woods, all of whom are employed by foreign clubs beyond the League's control. The other absentee will be Hateley if he has recovered from injury. He hopes to be fit enough to resume for Monaco at Nice on Friday night.

If not, Regis will retain his role as understudy and also pose a problem or two. Should the League call off Coventry City's game at Oxford United? Should Coventry's manager omit him? Should England's manager permit him to play and face the consequences of him being hurt?

Robson will reassess the position at the weekend and also that of Waddle. Tottenham's winger has "three ankle injuries in one" and is far from certain to be available. Unless he performs at least once this week, a replacement will probably be summoned.

But who? The only clue to be offered yesterday was that he is attached to one of the idle clubs next weekend. Johnston, who has yet to win a cap but has gained experience abroad with Liverpool, is the mystery guest most likely to be invited should the need arise.

England's squad

P Shilton (Derby), C Woods (Glasgow Rangers), V Anderson (Manchester United), G Stevens (Everton), K Sansom (Arsenal), T Butcher (Glasgow Rangers), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), M Wright (Derby), A Adams (Arsenal), G Mabbutt (Tottenham), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), P Reid (Everton), G Hoddle (Monaco), B Robson (Manchester United), T Steven (Everton), S Hodge (Tottenham), C Waddle (Tottenham), C Allen (Tottenham), G Lineker (Barcelona), P Beardsley (Liverpool), P Barnes (Liverpool), C Regis (Coventry) or M Hateley (Monaco)

Davis to train with seniors

By Stuart Jones

Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, has been lifted on to the edge of the England squad. Although he will be included as the only over-age representative in the under-21 side to meet Yugoslavia in Zemun in a fortnight, he is to spend two days training with the seniors next week.

The experience at Bisham Abbey will offer him a glimpse of his own future. Bobby Robson, the England manager, considers that Davis is one of the most promising candidates of the next generation, even though he will reach the relatively-advanced age of 26 in December.

"He has been doing so well for so long with the juniors that Dave Sexton and I feel that he deserves this chance," he said yesterday.

Davis, who has joined Webb as a potentially central creative figure in Robson's youth policy, has been praised consistently for the high standard of his performances by George Graham. Another pupil at Highbury, Thomas, has also been recognised and is included for the first time.

Digby, the Swindon Town goalkeeper, who has discovered that he will be out for six weeks with a broken thumb, was belatedly withdrawn from the squad. His place was to be taken by Hallworth, whose talents were originally spotted and brought to Ipswich Town by Robson himself, but he cannot play because his club need him for a Simod Cup match against Middlebrough. Flowers, of Southampton, is called up.

● Walsall's leading scorer, David Kelly, is the latest player to be torn between two countries both offering him international honours.

The Republic of Ireland manager, Jack Charlton, has promised him a full cap if he pledges himself to the Republic. But yesterday the forward, aged 21, was named in England's under-21 squad for next month's match with Yugoslavia.

"I am thrilled to be in the England party, especially as I am only a third division player," he said. "But it's presented me with a real dilemma."

SQUAD: G Walsh (Manchester United), F Digby (Swindon), N McDonald (Newcastle), A Dorigo (Chelsea), M Thomas (Arsenal), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), M Keown (Aston Villa), A Thom (Wimbledon), D Rocastle (Arsenal), P Gascoigne (Newcastle), P Beagrie (Sheffield United), P Davis (Arsenal), S Parkin (Stoke), G. Porter (Watford), F Carr (Nottingham Forest), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), D Kelly (Walsall).

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Wales to step up protest

Wales are to ask the Government to intervene on their behalf with the Football League and demand they are given the same treatment as England before next month's vital European Championship matches.

The League have agreed to postpone four first division fixtures on November 7 to give Bobby Robson the chance to prepare for a full week with his squad before the trip to Yugoslavia.

But the postponements affect only four of Mike England's Welsh squad, and the League have said they will want compensation in the region of £10,000 a match to postpone more fixtures to help Wales before the game in Czechoslovakia they must win.

Alun Evans, the secretary of the Football Association of Wales, will make a last effort to pressure them into changing their mind.

"There's no point going back to the League but we will look elsewhere to see if we can find another means of lobbying," he said. That can only mean the Sports Minister, or the Secretary of State for Wales.

But Evans admitted: "Whatever we do, we are not going to get very far, I fear, but it's got to be our last hope."

The hard-up Welsh are determined not to succumb to what they see as League blackmail and pay for extra matches. "If England don't have to pay, why should we?" asked Evans. "There should be no difference between us."

England will name his squad for the trip to Prague next Tuesday.

Run out of the World Cup: Chatfield, the New Zealand fast bowler, ends the innings of Boon at Chandigarh yesterday. But Australia's victory put them through to the semi-finals and ended New Zealand interest in the competition. Report, page 46.

Referee is subject of protest

By Keith Macklin

Whitehaven are protesting to the Rugby League about the handling of last Sunday's second division game at Wakefield in which five players were sent off. Three of them were from Whitehaven.

A director of the Cumbrian club said yesterday: "We have sent a letter to the League saying that we feel that the referee, Alan Burke, was incapable of handling the match. We are waiting to read the referee's report before deciding whether to put in personal appearances before the disciplinary committee."

Salford, too, are making a protest to the League, joining the mounting campaign against the high tackle. They have sent a video tape of Sunday's match against St Helens in which three of their players were injured and one of them, Gibson, had to be taken to hospital. Salford allege that the injuries were caused by deliberate head-high tackles.

St Helens themselves and Hull Kingston Rovers have already asked for more severe penalties to be imposed on players who commit high tackles.

● Two brothers, David and John Fairbank, follow in a distinguished family tradition when they play for Britain's Rugby League amateurs against Papua New Guinea at Halifax on Friday.

They will emulate the achievement of their brothers, Carl and Mark, who also played for BARLA. Never before have four brothers all represented their country at amateur level.

GREAT BRITAIN: A Holmes (Heavy Woollen), S Ranson (St Helens), S Critchesson (Humberside), D Fairbank (Halifax), T Manning (Halifax), M Aspar (Cumbria), J Brocklebank (Cumbria), J Fairbank (Halifax), K Baynes (Humberside), T Brook (Huddersfield), G Rose (Leeds), P Messenger (Cumbria), S Rawlinson (Bradford). Substitutes: S Dudley (St Helens), V Webb (Warrington), E Sellance (St Helens).

Return of Japanese venue is welcomed by Balestre

Tokyo (AFP) – The return of Japan as a venue for formula one motor racing was welcomed by Jean-Marie Balestre, the sport's chief official, here yesterday.

Balestre, the president of the International Automobile Federation, said that Sunday's Grand Prix at Suzuka, the first in Japan for 10 years, consolidated the world-wide scope of grand prix racing.

Balestre said the Japanese automobile industry was putting more money into motor racing. "They want to be involved at the highest level in all championship racing," he said.

However, he also called on the Japanese to help their drivers. Satoru Nakajima became the first Japanese to drive for a major team when he was taken on by Lotus this year. He is 11th in the world championship.

Demand for tickets for what should be a dramatic race for the world title between Nigel Mansell, of Britain, and Nelson Piquet, of Brazil, was so great that organizers had to hold a draw. Twice as many people as the track can hold subscribed for the 100,000 tickets.

Honda's engines clinched the constructors' world title for the British Williams team for the second year running when Mansell won the Mexican Grand Prix two weeks ago.

If history can be counted on to repeat itself then Mansell can take heart. James Hunt won the last Japanese Grand Prix, at Mont Fuji in 1977, and he was the last Briton to win the world championship.

A Mansell victory on Sunday means Adelaide will stage a dramatic finale for the second year running. A blown tyre in Australia cost Mansell the title last year. However, Piquet, who moves from Williams to Lotus next year, can clinch his third world title by winning at Suzuka.

TV special for Japan Grand Prix

Nigel Mansell's continuing challenge for the Grand Prix driver's crown means early morning viewing for armchair motor racing fans on Sunday. BBC television is to screen the Japanese Grand Prix from Suzuka at 7.25am on November 1 – barely an hour after the race finishes.

Davis wins prize for forgetfulness

From Steve Acteson, Toronto

Steve Davis has been welcomed with open arms in Toronto where he defends his Labatt Canadian Masters title this week but unfortunately he had a small confession to make yesterday.

"Oh dear, I seem to have left the trophy back at the Romford Matchroom offices," he said. Unable to resist a joke he added: "Romford, after all, is the centre of the universe and in any case, although I don't want to sound big headed, I fully intend the trophy to stay there anyway." More realistically, hasty arrangements were being made to fly the trophy out.

Davis and the seven other leading players on the snooker rankings are competing for a £25,000 first prize in Canada along with the Grand Prix points on offer in this third leg of the World Series. The first two legs were won by Dennis Taylor in Tokyo and Davis in Hong Kong.

Snooker is expanding rapidly in Canada and CBC television will be showing 13 hours of this event, four more than last year and with three hours live on Saturday, the day of the final. Naturally the fans will be rooting for their home town hero, Cliff Thorborn. As a mark of real respect, yesterday's press conference to introduce the event was held at a function room at the holy of holies, the Stadium housing the local hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leaf.

Eagles to have a reshuffle

The United States Eagles have decided on another big reshuffle as they attempt to register their first victory on their six-match rugby union tour of Wales. Defeats in their opening games against Breconshire and Ebbw Vale – two of the weaker sides they will meet – have already damaged the Americans' confidence.

They face a tough test in Cardiff today against Glamorgan Wanderers, the only unbeaten Welsh first class team with a record of 10 wins and two draws so far this season.

In an attempt to find a winning formula the Eagles introduce five players for their first tour appearances, and restore Mark Williams to the outside half spot.

Former wasps flyhalf Williams was switched to centre at Ebbw Vale on Saturday, but is a lot happier wearing the No. 10 shirt.

The newcomers are fullback Gary Townsend, centre Sam Vaka, scrumhalf Tom Smith, prop Don James, and flanker Mark Carlson. That leaves Williams, Gary Hein and Kevin Higgins, the wings and Brian Vizzard, the No. 8, as the only players chosen for all three games.

The Eagles arrived confident of sweeping all before them in Wales, but Bob Watkins, the tour manager, is understandably a lot more guarded now with his predictions. "We were disappointed to lose on Saturday after scoring three tries to one, but we could see the improvement in our game and that was satisfying," Watkins said.

"The heavy grounds really don't suit us, but we are adapting slowly and we have to hope we keep on improving right up to the international."

The Wanderers have sprung a surprise by selecting the inexperienced Stuart Roke at centre in preference to Mick Ward, who has made more than 250 first team appearances.

Fullback Brian Bolderston is the player the Eagles will have to watch. He has already scored 123 points since joining Wanderers from Tredegar

Gibson returns

Mike Gibson, the London Irish captain, returns for tonight's Courage Championship second division game at Rosslyn Park.

LONDON IRISH: P Davidson; C Maluca, B Harbison, J Hewitt, A Fougerat; C Mann; J Loveday, P Kennedy, A Cooke, F McFadden, I Stevens, A Millar, B Spillane, P Neary, M Gibson.

Cardinal loss of series and hearing

St Louis (Reuter) – An expert, who also admits to being a supporter of the St Louis Cardinals, said yesterday that the stadium in Minneapolis, where the Minnesota Twins won the World Baseball Series, is dangerously noisy.

William Clark, of the Central Institute for the Deaf in St Louis, said government safety officials should investigate the Hubert H Humphrey Metrodome to see if something can be done to bring noise levels down.

The occasional visitor to the Metrodome might not have a problem but someone who attended events there regularly could suffer some hearing loss, he said. Clark said he attended the sixth game of the series in Minneapolis – won by the Twins – and used a meter to determine that the decibel level at times exceeded what experts consider safe.

Clark said he did not believe the noise caused the Cardinals to lose to Minnesota, but said it probably was a factor.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Football claim

Paul Compton, a defender with the GM Vauxhall Conference team, Weymouth, is to take legal action against the Fareham forward, Richie Paskins, after an incident in which Paskins was sent off and Compton was taken to hospital for stitches in a mouth injury.

Compton said: "The matter is in the hands of the police. They have taken statements from players and if they say I have a case I shall sue for assault. I have no feeling in the top of my mouth. I feel like I have just come back from the dentist and I have no sense of taste."

Cycle forecast

The Professional Cycling Association yesterday forecast that there would be six sponsored teams of at least six riders on the professional circuit next season.

Mrs Samuelson: baby girl

Running birth

Portland (AP) – Joan Benoit Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic gold medallist in the women's marathon, said yesterday that she was "heading into the longest marathon of my life," as she left the hospital holding her 4-day-old baby girl. Samuelson plans to continue running with an eye towards the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Danish blow

Frank Arnesen, the PSV Eindhoven and Denmark midfield player, will be out of action for three months after undergoing an operation on torn ankle muscles.

Shooting ban

Munich (Reuter) – Sylvia Sperber, who won the West German women's small-bore shooting championship, was stripped of her title yesterday and banned until the end of the year after after she failed a dope test which showed traces of the illegal drug, ephedrin. The title has been awarded to the second-placed Claudia Kulla.

Polish defeat

Bratislava (AFP) – Czechoslovakia beat Poland 3-1 in a friendly international football match here yesterday.

Cooper's bid

The Bristol City manager, Terry Cooper, has made a £30,000 bid for the Charlton defender, John Pender.

END COLUMN

Douglas boycott brings a fine

By Ian Stafford

Desmond Douglas, England's leading table-tennis player, was fined £833 by the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) yesterday for failing to compete in the Leeds-Stiga Top 12 tournament at Farnborough 12 days ago. The Birmingham-based player boycotted the earlier event because games were played up to 11 points instead of the normal 21.

"I believe the fine is too severe and I am very disappointed," Douglas said after he received news of his punishment. "I will never sign another contract for ETTA and I will be seeking legal advice.".

Therein lies the problem that befalls most lesser sports at the crossroads of their development. Encouraged by the snooker success story, a tale of a game that is discovered by television and becomes within ten years an opportunity to create top rating programmes and the odd sporting millionaire, sports such as table tennis are now searching furiously for their own pot of gold and are prepared, if necessary, to cross swords with even their finest exponents in their quest for success.

Last year ETTA experimented by changing the format of the Top 12 tournament by ruling that games were to be played up to 11 points which was hoped would produce a more exciting product.

"At that tournament we did a public survey," Jim Beckman, a member of ETTA's management committee, said. "It showed that over 70 per cent of the spectators found the new format more spectacular and more riveting." The players, almost incidentally, were not sold on the idea, and Douglas, who had not been beaten by a British player for ten years, lost in the final.

Douglas: disappointed

After eight years playing in West Germany, Douglas returned to this country in 1985 to sign a three-year contract for ETTA.

His argument now is that the association changed the rules to the Top 12 tournament which was not stated in the initial contract, and that he therefore had a right to boycott an event designed to bring more appeal to the sport but is nevertheless unpopular with the players.

In an official statement, the ETTA said that they had imposed the fine because of his failure to appear in an event that formed part of the players's contract with the association. "The past few months have seen the entry of a major sponsor and increased television coverage, as well as higher prize money to the players," Ted Wallbutton, ETTA's chief executive, said. "The management committee were particularly concerned that this action by our leading player will impact badly on this hard-won progress.

"We believe that players of Douglas's stature should be setting an example of professionalism and discipline to younger players, rather than committing a serious breach of obligation. The sum of £833 represents one month's fee of Douglas's contract."

Douglas said: "Missing one event will hardly jeopardize a year's contract. I have done many things to promote the sport outside the boundaries of my contract, but if they are going to kick up such a fuss it might be better if I decide when I play without a contract. The association would not be able to mess around with me then.

"It is obvious that the ETTA want to make an example of me to others, but what will the younger players be thinking now?"

In pursuing their goal the ETTA must consider if losing their finest asset is a worthwhile price to pay. "When I played in West Germany I did not have a single problem in eight years," Douglas said. "Sometimes I wonder if I did the right thing in returning to England. I just want to play. I do not believe I have ever caused any trouble here, but if they want to treat me like this I could well play abroad again."